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# First FLIGHT



**Eagle in flight.** Junior Mike Cole, catches a pass during pre-game practice. Cole said, "It's a great feeling to know that we are setting a foundation for the future." The first students set the foundation for the school's sports teams and organizations, while also setting one for their own future. *Photo by Morgan Crandall*

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# DARE TO

The first to be victorious. The first to be defeated. The first to cheer for "Big Green." The first to walk halls, sit in classes, join clubs, and participate on teams. We were the first to experience everything at the newest school in Stafford County.

The school's motto, "Dare to soar,"

encouraged students to excel in every aspect of their lives. Apollo, the school's mascot, was adopted as a symbol of pride and strength. A real

bald eagle, he soared over Michigan.

In the inaugural year, the first classes created the tradition and set the standards for the school. Its young teams donned the blue and green, and christened the fields. Students explored new boundaries, creating bonds with new friends while remaining close to the old.

We spread our wings to take part in the

## *First* FLIGHT

By Brittany Trant

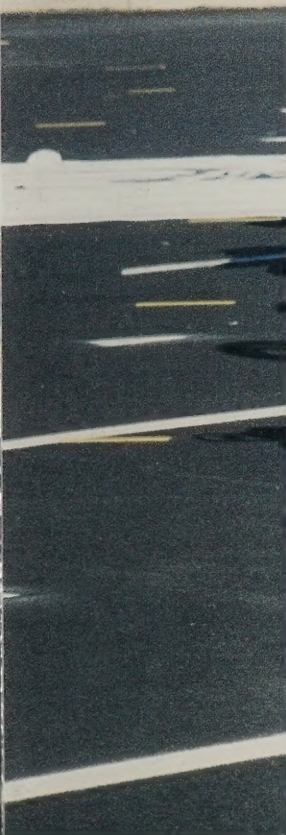
**Break from the cold.** Fire drills were a weekly occurrence the first month of school. Not only did they prepare students for an emergency, they also let them have a break from the school's freezing temperature. After thawing out, students head back into the school to resume their seventh period classes. *Photo by Leigh Harris*

**Let's hear it!** The "Sound," the school's first marching band, played a medley of songs that included "Gimme Some Lovin'" and "Spy Hunter." The band performed at the home football games and in competitions. Scott Snyder practices after school one Friday afternoon in early October. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*





# SOAR



**Now we can have decorations!** The first dance was used as a fundraiser for Newcoming and as an opportunity for students to meet their new peers. Held after the football game on September 24, the dance cost \$3 and lasted until midnight. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*

**"Have a great day at . . ."** The first few weeks of school, Dr. Lisa Martin greeted students on the morning announcements. In this new school, students had to adjust. They left behind over eight different schools to form the new student body. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



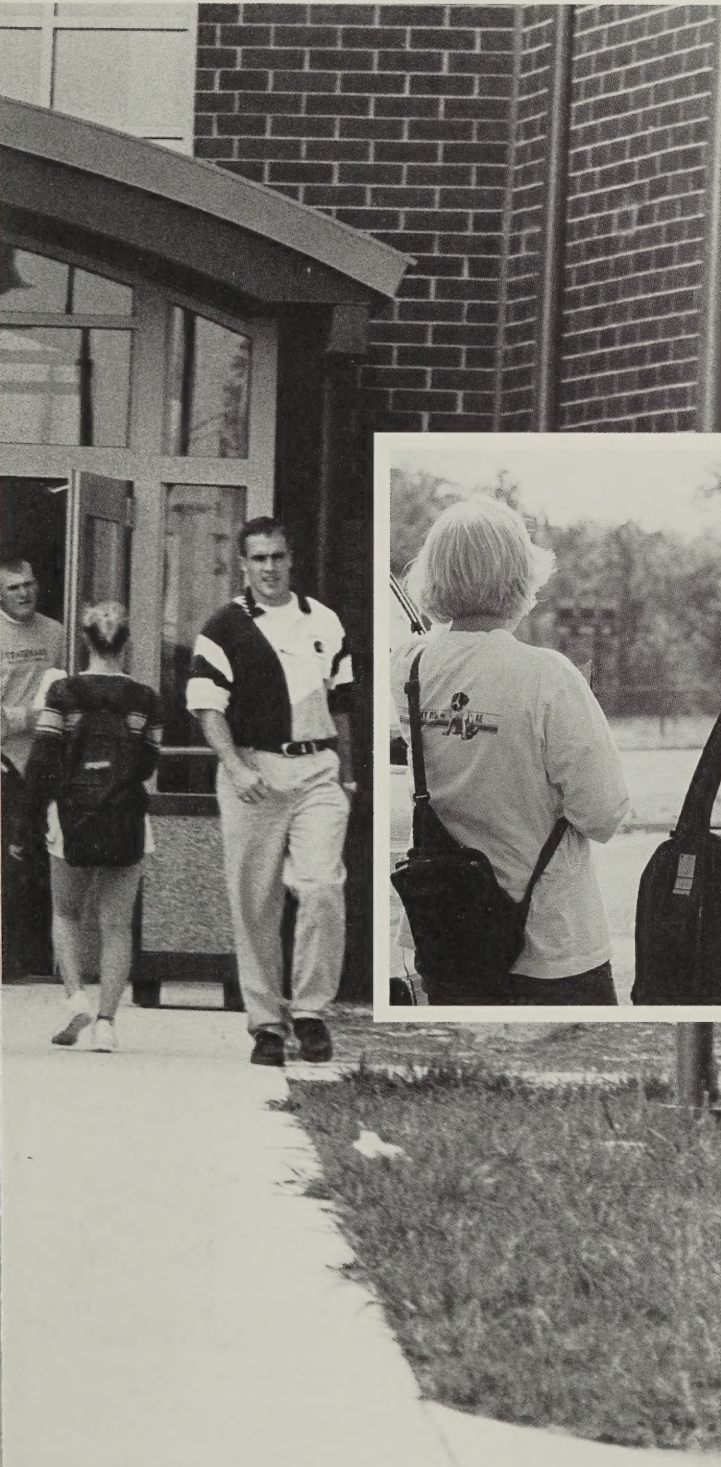


# STUDENT





# LIFE *Creating Tradition*



“What we start, everyone will follow,” said junior Daniel Wasson. Being the first students at the school, we had the honor of creating its traditions.

We decided on the school colors, navy blue, hunter green, and silver, and our mascot, the eagle. Our student leadership council established the honor code, and the school seal was created.

While these traditions were established for the life of the school, others were only temporary. Homecoming was renamed “Newcoming” to welcome the first classes. Juniors received senior privileges. Sophomores were invited to the



first Prom at the elegant Riverside Center. Freshmen had more opportunities to play on varsity teams.

Whether the traditions were permanent, or only for the year, we created them. We were the leaders that everyone followed.

*By Brittany Trant*

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**Later!** Before heading home for the weekend, juniors Kristi Swisher and Lauren Mooney chat. Students who drove didn't have to wait long to get out of the parking lot because it was half empty. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*

**Free time.** After school, students were free to do what they wanted. They worked, practiced, hung out with their friends, and slept. After another week, students exit the building on a Friday afternoon. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*



# SPARK TO EMBARK

The first day of a new school year is always one of mixed emotions. For students returning from the previous year, it's sometimes harder to stir enthusiasm, especially having to come to terms with summer being over. Freshmen, who are experiencing high school for the first time, are usually more confused but also excited about their new environment.

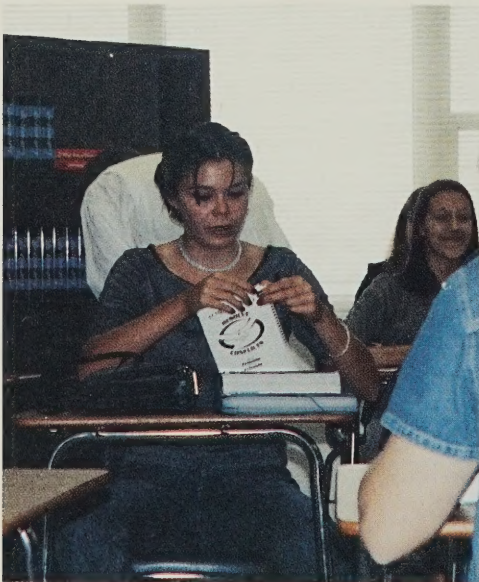
Opening the school with faculty and students from eight schools around the county created a sense of newness for everyone. At first, readjusting was hard for students, especially being separated from most of the friends and staff they had come to know. However, students were offered more technology and a much lower student population than other schools in the county. Heather Goding, a freshman said, "The school is so cool, and

it has a lot of new technology. The toilets flush on their own!"

The new technology helped to create a better place for students. Sophomore Tequia Roberts said, "I believe that the new technology has greatly bettered our school's learning environment, and I think our classes and the ones to follow will be largely impressed with the new gadgets."

This was true for many, but not everyone had their eyes on the new technology. When asked how his first day went, junior John Harbach replied, "The first day was great. I've never seen so many good-looking girls."

Thus it appeared that the new technology and great learning environment could divert some students' attention from the opposite gender. *By Chris Whittington*



**An agenda in need is a friend indeed.** Sophomore Crystal Black admires the agenda she received in homeroom. Students were told they had to have their agenda with them at all times because it was their pass out of class. *Photo by Nichole Jones*

**Involved.** Various clubs were set-up in the cafeteria during the open house; the only problem was choosing one. Junior Wes Vickroy talks to Mrs. Gail Clark about activities and academics in the upcoming term. *Photo by Nichole Jones*







**A stitch in time doesn't always save nine.** Ms. Tori Helmer, an Algebra II teacher, scans Jonathan Graham's book. Teachers also had to make an additional copy of the barcodes in case the scanner failed. *Photo by Nichole Jones*

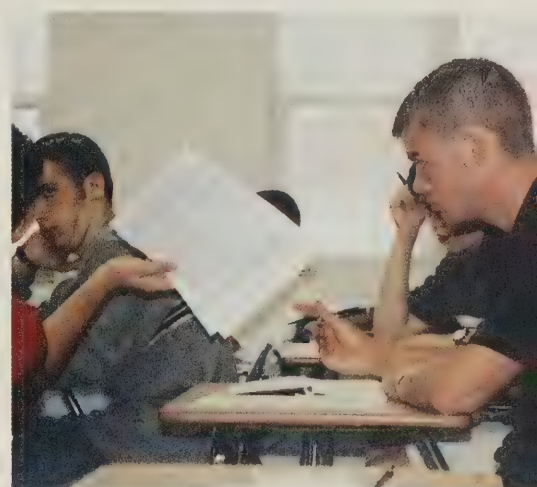
"It was weird being in a school that wasn't finished because I kept tripping over things in the hallway."

-Junior Nikki White



"It's going to take me a while to adjust to high school, but being at Colonial Forge will make it easier."

-Freshman Ryan Elliot



**Endless paper trail.** Receiving yet another form, sophomore Anthony Kane adds it to his collection. On the first two days of school, students met in their homerooms to fill out piles of paper work. *Photo by Nichole Jones*

**Come on in.** On August 26, students and parents had their first chance to see what the school had to offer. Freshman John Briscoe tours the school with his mother at the open house. *Photo by Nichole Jones*



**Willkommen nach Deutschland!** In July, students from all over Stafford went to Germany. While there, they toured Frankfurt, Rothenburg, and Munich. Sophomore Anthony Kane and juniors Joanne Gold and Amanda Kempfer visit one of the traditional German towns. *Photo courtesy of Joanne Gold*

**Dancing on water.** Representing the Dance Spot, freshman Lauren Evans and junior Kenneth Gary, along with their fellow dancers, pose for a picture aboard the Princess Cruise Ship. In July, Evans and Gary competed in a talent competition aboard the ship. *Photo courtesy of Lindsey Evans*



**Carolina and beyond.** Summer was the perfect time for relaxation. Students would often go on vacations with their families and their friends. Juniors Dawn Oesterle and Ivelize Vega took a trip to Charleston, South Carolina, where they relaxed and shopped. *Photo courtesy of Dawn Oesterle*

**Girl power.** While in Florida this August for the Speedo Nationals, junior Akemi Parker visited Race Rock (similar to the Hard Rock Cafe). Parker was the only girl from her team to qualify for the swimming championships. *Photo courtesy of Akemi Parker*







# SUN, SAND, & WORK

June, July, and August, a student's three favorite months. No more worrying about homework, getting up early, or making it to class on time. Instead, students had plenty of time to do what they wanted to do. And they spent their summers doing a variety of things. Sophomore Shelby Wilson said, "My mom and I went to California and Las Vegas, and we drove all the way back. The whole trip took 15 days." Junior Brian Huddle went on vacation, too, although his wasn't across the country. He said, "I went to Cape Hatteras, and went swimming." However, Huddle also did another thing a lot of students do during the lazy days of summer; he said, "I slept until about 1:30 everyday."

Some students, though, didn't use their summers to relax. Junior Jonathan Harbach said, "Working at

Waffle House this summer showed me how many different kinds of people there are." Others used their free time to pursue a hobby. Freshman Cristie Varvaro said, "I went to the NCA cheerleading camp." Sophomore Theron Lockett's interest took him to another continent. Lockett said, "I went to Europe for soccer. I spent two weeks training with youth pro teams." Lockett wasn't the only one who went to Europe over the summer. Sophomore Annie Martz said, "I went to Germany for eight days with my German II class."

Whether students went to the beach, worked, traveled to foreign countries, or slept, they had only three months to enjoy their freedom before it was back to school.

*By Brittany Trant & Ashley Derby*

## WHAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU DID THIS SUMMER?

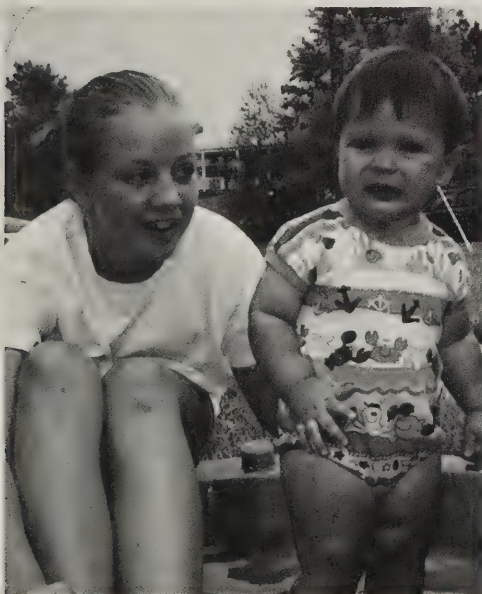
"I threw all my notes and folders away." -Melissa Taylor, 10th

"I rode Paul's Chariot at Busch Gardens." -Christy Heib, 10th

"I went to an Oriole's game." -Brad Truxell, 10th

"I moved here from Mexico." -Jessica Giles, 9th

"I slept until noon." -Brigid Cepauskas, 11th



**Baby love.** Not all students relaxed during the summer; some worked. Freshman Miranda Shaffier volunteered at Mt. Ararats's Vacation Bible School, where she worked with the one-year-old class. Shaffier tries to cheer-up one of her students during playtime in the swimming pool. *Photo courtesy of Miranda Shaffier*



# SPIRIT SHOCK

"Spirit Week brings together the entire student body to show our pride for the school," said junior J.J. Buchness. The first Spirit Week allowed students to get involved and have fun. Sophomore Melissa Lehman said, "It showed everyone's creative spirit, and it gave us all a good laugh."

Spirit Week was a school-wide activity that helped everyone get pumped up for the Newcoming game. A number of students were surprised when so many students dressed up. "Spirit Week was great, and a lot more people dressed up than I thought they would," said junior George Price.

On Spirit Day, some students remembered their former schools and wore its colors. Students mixed the colors of their old schools with the new

colors, making for some strange combinations. The combinations didn't seem to bother their peers. "It let people know what school they came from because they all wore their colors," commented sophomore Mike Robertson.

Each day had a specific theme. Students donned their pajamas and slippers on Monday, and grass skirts on Tuesday. Blue, green, and silver were everywhere Wednesday. The colors were seen on clothes, faces, and even in hair. Fashions from the 20's, 50's, and 70's graced the halls on Wednesday, with each class assigned to a different decade. On Friday students were replaced with Britney Spears and Disney characters. Spirit Week was the first time for students to go crazy and display their new school spirit. *By Ashley Derby*



**Rockin' but not rolling.** During halftime at the Newcoming Game, Rachel Downham parades as a jukebox. The sophomore float commemorated the 50's with poodle skirts and a cadillac. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



**In the spotlight.** Junior Mitch Nason wins Get Up and Go Day's best-dressed contest during second lunch. Nason's honorable outfit included Winnie the Pooh pjs and slippers, as well as a Pooh-inspired stocking cap. *Photo by Courtney Paskanik*

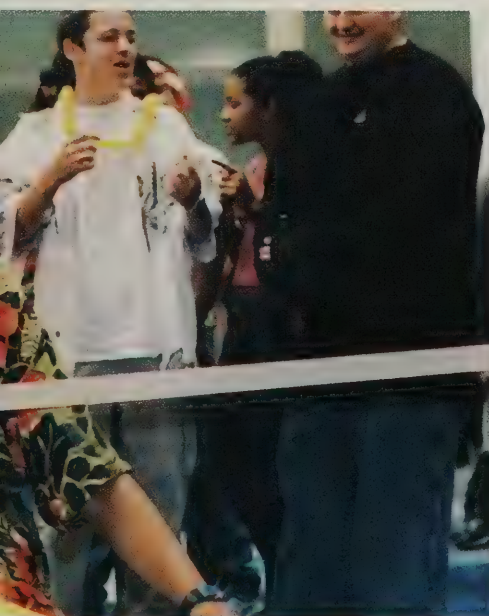






**Spirit spectacular.** Juniors Larry Bruno, John Schaefer, and Jason Dodd laugh during second lunch's twinkie-eating contest. Sophomore Chuck Brown won the contest; inhaling his twinkie before his opponents were even half done. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

**Hawaiian hula.** On Hawaiian Day, junior Chrissy Dodd participates in the hula hoop contest during third lunch. On Tuesday, students were decked out in hula skirts, leis, and Hawaiian shirts. *Photo by Courtney Paskanik*



**How do you think having the game on Wednesday affected Spirit Week?**

"It wasn't as spirited because not everyone could come to the game. People who could come didn't bother dressing up."

-Sophomore Rachel Downham

"I didn't like it very much, because it was in the middle of the week and I had a lot of homework." -Sophomore Annie Martz

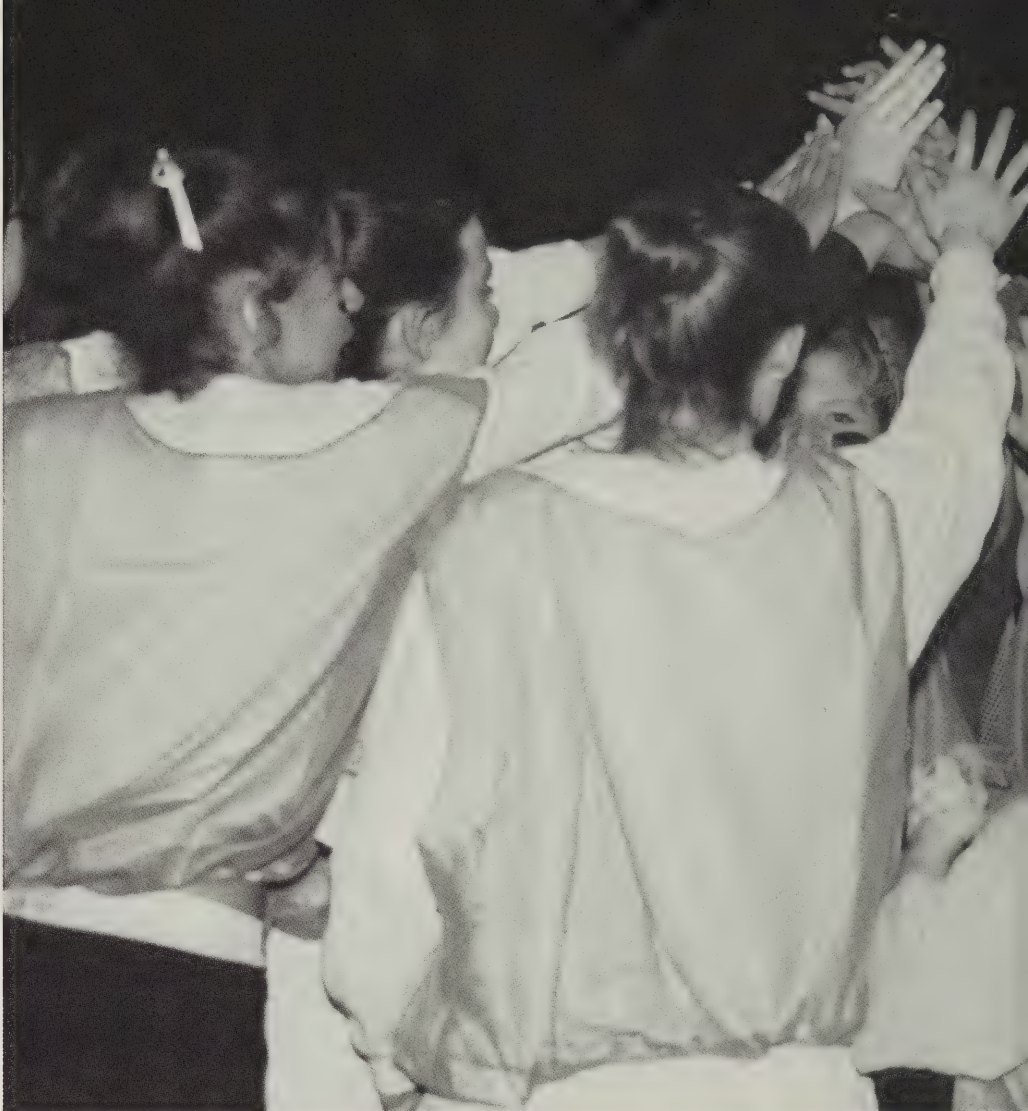
**How low can he go?** During third lunch, junior J.J. Buchness tries to make it under the limbo stick during the third round of the Hawaiian Day contest. Other lunch activities included balloon races and Charleston lessons. *Photo by Courtney Paskanik*



**Go, team, go.** The junior Powder Puff players gather together with the assistance of Coach Mark Doherty for a cheer, before being sent off to victory. The intense determination to win displayed by the juniors propelled them to victory. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



**We got spirit.** Junior male cheerleader A.J. Correia gets held up by a fellow cheerleader as Mike Dozier helps spot in a daring and spectacular stunt. Since there were only five junior male cheerleaders, they had to have extra spirit because they were outnumbered by the sophomore cheerleaders. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



FINAL SCORE	
Juniors	Sophomores
22	16

**Down, set, hike.** Sophomores and juniors face-off at the line of scrimmage to start the next play. Since a majority of the downs were running plays, the defensive line had to be ready to make the tackle and prevent a large advance. *Photo by Linda Wesley*





# PLAY LIKE A GIRL

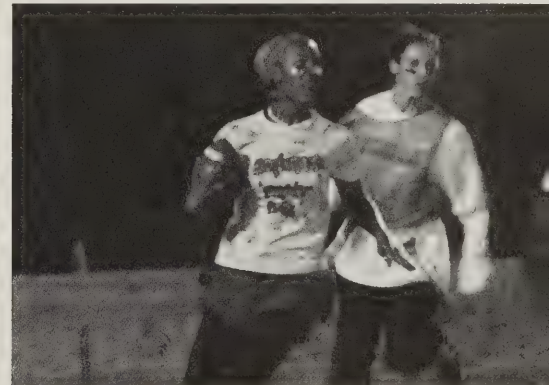
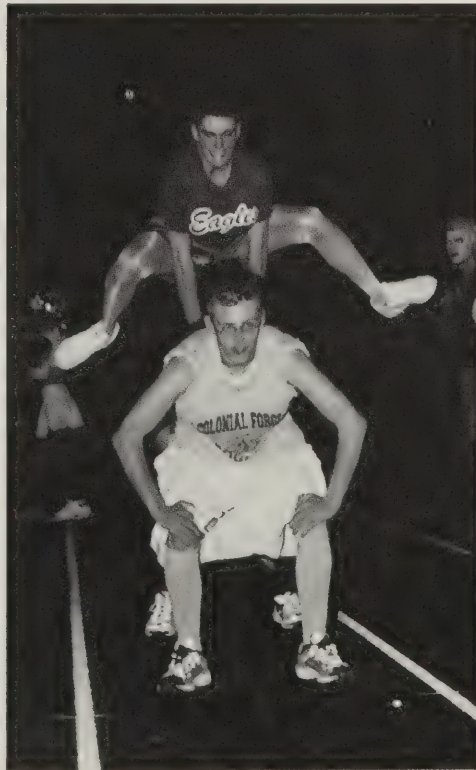
The rivalry and intensity the two classes made at this year's Powder Puff game set a standard for others to follow. Prior to the big game each team held three practices where positions were assigned and basic fundamentals were taught to the first time players. The game drew an audience and the male cheerleaders provided some interesting entertainment.

By their senior year, the class of 2002 will have played in three Powder Puffs. Two of their games will be against the class of 2001. Following the loss, the sophomores began talking about next year's competition. Stephanie Graham, a sophomore, said, "I had a lot of fun playing against the juniors even though we lost. I can't wait until next year to see the expressions on their faces when we win." Having a rematch made the intensity and rivalry greater. Winning the first of the two game series gave the class of 2001 bragging rights until next year's showdown between the same two teams.

The day of the game players wore decorated T-shirts showing pride in their class. Junior Nicole Mackey stated, "We knew we should beat the sophomores, and we really bowed down." The final score of the game was 22-16, in favor of the juniors. Only one touchdown separated who received bragging rights until the next face-off. Some players enjoyed the intensity so much that they wanted to have want to have their own league. Junior Erin Dunn commented, "It made us want to have our own season."

Staying with the role reversals, the cheerleaders for the game were all male. Though the junior cheerleaders were greatly outnumbered they fired up their team to victory. The appearance and cheers provided entertainment for the players and audience.

The rivalry and performance of the cheerleaders in the Powder Puff game set a precedence for others to follow.  
*By Jeffrey Young*



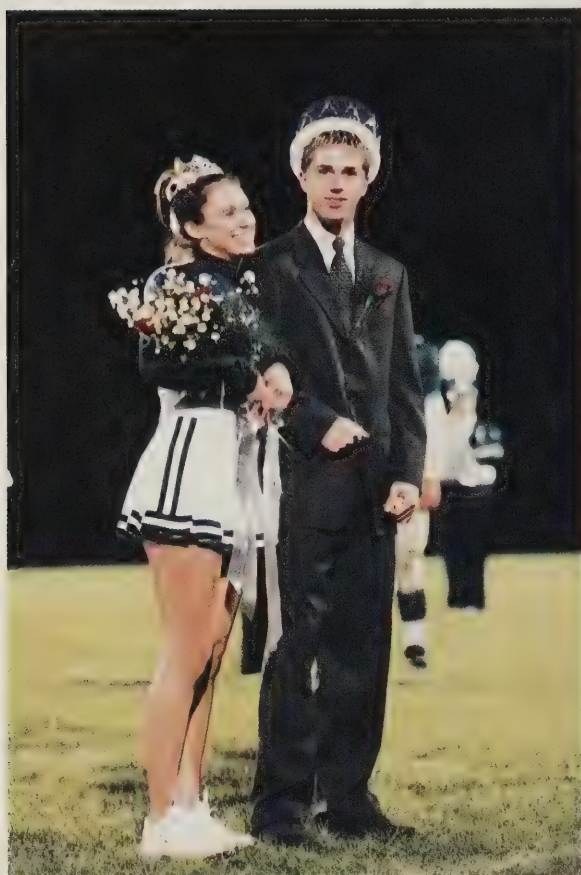
**Gotta get away.** Sophomore Tequia Roberts eludes a tackle from junior Joanne Gold, looking to score another touchdown. Roberts, the sophomores' quarterback ran in both of the team's touchdowns.  
*Photo by Linda Wesley*

**Leap frog.** Through their antics, sophomore male cheerleaders fired up the crowd. Scott Rudd leaps high over Scott Snyder in one of their stunts. Male cheerleaders' attire consisted of skirts, tights, wigs, and balloons. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



**Indians, wolverines, and black-hawks.** Not all students brought dates who went to the school; some brought guests, and 182 went stag. Sophomore Nichole Jones dances with her date, Keith Epps, from Stafford High. *Photo by Morgan Crandall*

**New royalty.** After being crowned, juniors Matt Flockhart and Joanne Gold stand before the crowd. The Newcoming court was introduced at the football game Wednesday night during halftime. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



## Reflections of Time

"I was really surprised how many students showed up. I was especially surprised how many showed up in limousines," said junior Marjorie Osmer. On Saturday, October 30, 586 students attended the first Newcoming dance. The cafeteria was adorned with white Christmas lights, balloons, and stars. Osmer said, "They did a good job on the decorations for the amount of time they had. They were really inventive with all of the Christmas lights." Behind the D.J. was a clock face to represent the theme, "Reflections of Time." The dance allowed students to spend time with their old and new friends. Sophomore Chris Martin said, "It was great. We got to see all of our friends from different schools." From 8 P.M. to 12 A.M., students danced, talked, and ate. Freshman Jack Zawara said, "The punch bowl was cool. It was pouring fountains."

The first Newcoming was a time for friends to spend together. The school's first king and queen were crowned, and the football team won the Newcoming game. When old friends return for future Homecomings, they will reflect on the time when their friendships were new.

*By Brittany Trant*







**Brighten up the place.** The white Christmas lights were everywhere at the dance: the staircase, refreshment table, and entrance. Freshmen Rachel Herriott, Kristen Kern, and Jenn Gold decorate the Friday before the dance. *Photo by D. Siegmund*



**May I have this dance?** Sophomore Reneé Garrison dances with her date, junior Tommy Garrison, during one of the slow songs. Students danced to music by Limp Bizkit, Will Smith, and Faith Hill. *Photo by Morgan Crandall*

**Time for touchups.** The National Art Honor Society designed and painted the backdrop for the formal pictures. Junior Nicki Neubert and sophomore Christina Weidner put the finishing touches on the backdrop Friday afternoon. *Photo by D. Siegmund*

## The First... Newcoming Queen

"Everything passed by in a blur-- I was in total shock. But I had told myself, whatever happens, smile. It was an unexpected honor to be the Newcoming Queen, but what made it even better is that I got to be the first."  
-Junior Joanne Gold



# EIGHT BECOME ONE

The first day for most students was like moving from another state and going to a new high school. The school was made up of students from eight different schools: North Stafford, Brooke Point, Stafford Senior, A.G. Wright, H.H. Poole, Gayle, Stafford Middle, and Drew. The combination meant the student body had a lot of traditions, styles, and new faces to adjust to, along with a brand new school.

Amy Webb, a freshman from H.H. Poole said, "I felt at ease knowing it was a new school, and it put me at ease knowing it was everyone's first time here." Being a brand new high school without any seniors made it a lot easier for the freshmen to adjust to high school. A perk for the junior class was being the first graduating class ever. Junior John Schaefer from North Stafford noted, "I

am excited about being the first graduating class at Colonial Forge."

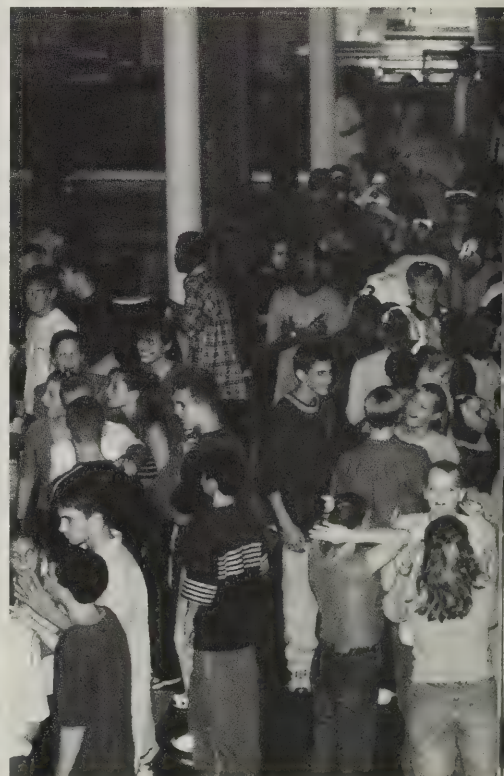
Many students enjoyed the new technology and the atmosphere that both the students and faculty created. Freshman Heather Unger from A.G. Wright explained, "It is fun. I can actually enjoy school now because there is so much more freedom, not too much but enough, and it's a good environment for students." Students worked cooperatively as one school instead of eight different schools. Nicole Woznick a freshman from A.G. Wright expressed, "There is so much to be done, but it's fun to watch us grow and get to where we want to be-#1."

The ideas, backgrounds, styles, and traditions brought from eight schools will be carried on throughout the school's existence. *By Jeffrey Young*



**Back together.** Even though eight different schools made up the student body, friends still had classes together. Former North Stafford students, find each other to enjoy lunch. *Photo by Morgan Crandall*

**The show's about to start.** At the school's first open house students and parents were invited to get their first look at the brand new school. Students and their parents enter the auditorium, where the administrators were introduced. *Photo by Nichole Jones*

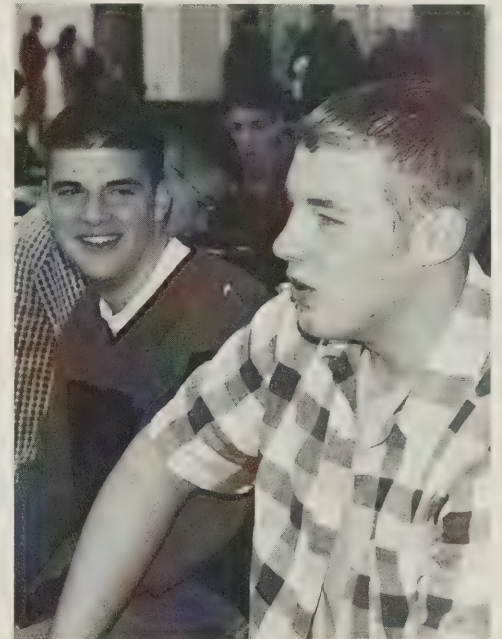






**"Next."** On the first day of school, Mrs. Marilyn McKinney helps students register for classes. The fact that eight different schools made up the student body, the counselor's offices became a popular place the first week because students wanted to be with their friends. *Photo by D. Siegmund*

**Start the day with a good laugh.** Before school Rob Rankin, a junior from North Stafford, humors Mike Dozier, a junior from Brooke Point, in the cafeteria. During this time students from all different schools sat together before another long school day. *Photo by Becca Dudenhefer*



	freshmen	sophomores	juniors	total
North Stafford High School		<b>105</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>224</b>
Stafford High School		<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>149</b>
Brooke Point High School		<b>95</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>179</b>
A.G. Wright Middle School	<b>96</b>			<b>96</b>
Gayle Middle School	<b>143</b>			<b>143</b>
H.H. Poole Middle School	<b>46</b>			<b>46</b>
Stafford Middle School	<b>29</b>			<b>29</b>
Drew Middle School	<b>6</b>			<b>6</b>

**Glance at dance.** At the first dance students gather together in large and small groups to socialize. A large number of students found time away from a weekend of studying to show up to the school's first dance. Only Colonial Forge students were allowed to attend; therefore, it gave students a chance to break away from their old school ties and meet their fellow classmates. *Photo by Nichole Jones.*



# OUT AND ABOUT

Students took advantage of their out-of-school hours to get out of the house. Local places became regular hangouts. When asked what she did around Stafford, freshman Crystal Austin replied, "I like going to the movies, skating at Cavalier, and shopping in Central Park." Her main ventures into Central Park were to shop for clothes at Kohl's.

The Silver Companies gave students a variety of places to go within Central Park. Places like Borders and the Ice Park provided somewhere to go with friends after school and on weekends. Sophomore Beth Zinger made the Ice Park a regular place to go on weekends. It gave her a chance to practice her skating for roller hockey as well as an opportunity to be with friends.

Junior Chuck Beech said he liked to

"drive around, go to Funland, hang out at the Route 17 Waffle House."

Downtown Fredericksburg was also a popular hangout. "Most of the time I am either at Central Park or downtown Fredericksburg at Crusher's Birds [a bird supply store]," said freshman Amy Breitbarth.

Students went out with a group of friends or sometimes just went alone. "I usually go to Hyperion in Fredericksburg with my friends, but every once in awhile I go to Gargoyles to read and have quiet, alone time," commented junior Sarah Fennell.

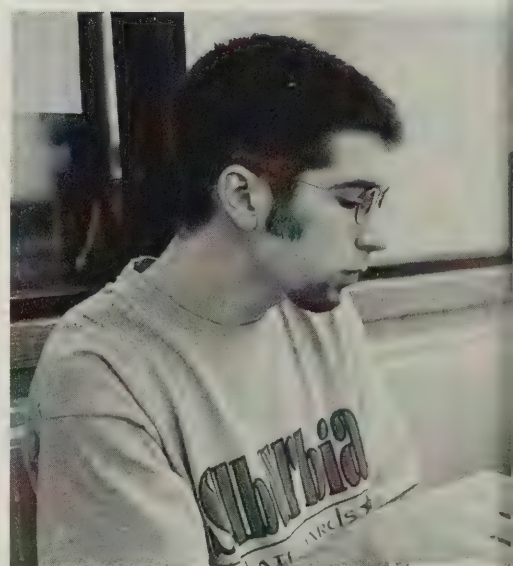
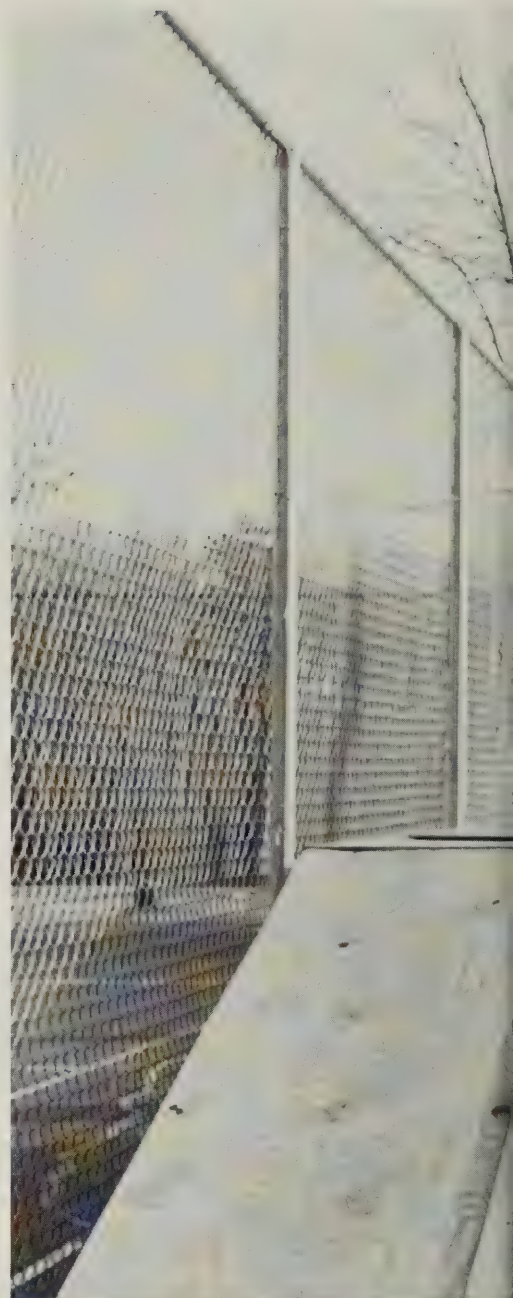
Fredericksburg offered places to eat, shop, and listen to local bands. When students were bored, all they had to do was travel 25 minutes south.

*By Michelle Fabie*



**Java hut.** Junior Sara Fennell enjoys her cappuccino at Gargoyle's in the Aquia Towne Center. Fennell went to Gargoyle's when she couldn't make it downtown to Hyperion to get her daily dose of caffeine. *Photo by Lauren Griswold*

**Home of the Whopper.** Juniors Todd Winstanley and Mike Dozier have lunch at Burger King. If the munchies attacked, students could enjoy food at any of the area's fast food restaurants ranging from Popeye's to Taco Bell. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*







**On the brink.** Junior Zac Childress does a k-grind at the Curtis Park skateboard park. Childress and his friends went to the park everyday during the week and to D.C. on the weekends. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*

**Spend, spend, spend.** Sophomore Kristin Bryant shops at Old Navy on a Saturday afternoon. Central Park included stores such as Kohl's, Borders, and Best Buy. *Photo by Amber Romero*



### TOP PLACES TO GO AROUND TOWN

Ice Park  
Movies  
Waffle House  
Cavalier  
Funland  
Carl's



# PASTA, PEP, & PIGS

Events like the spaghetti dinner, Fifth Quarter, and pep rallies ignited students' pride for the school. These events gave students the opportunity to get involved in school spirit.

The spaghetti dinner became an anticipated event. Administrators went around during lunch shifts asking for donations, which were divided into jugs labeled for each administrator. Students put their donations in the designated containers in accordance with who they

wanted to see kiss "Joey" the pig. Dr. Lisa Martin ended up with the most donations, but Ms. Rani Goyal and Mr. Mike Wondree attempted to kiss "Joey."

The Fifth Quarter was sponsored by the FCA. Students enjoyed a three-on-three basketball tournament, volleyball, music, and food, all for free. Junior Ramon Baker said, "The basketball tournament was the most enjoyable part of the Fifth Quarter."

The first pep rally was full of excitement,

fun, and spirit. At the Newcoming pep rally freshmen, sophomores, and juniors competed in different cheers. One competition was for the spirit stick, which the juniors won. Freshman Chuck Fitzgerald said, "Pep-rallies are fun because they show the spirit of the students in the school."

The spirited activities brought the eight different schools together, making them a united student body. *By Jeffrey Young and Adam Green*



**Shake, shake, shake.** The poms squad performs at first pep-rally on October 27 as the varsity cheerleaders look on. The poms squad also performed during halftime at the Newcoming football game. *Photo by Morgan Crandall*

**Lotsa pasta.** Juniors Derek Mullins and Laura Trigger enjoy their bowls of spaghetti at the PTSA's Spaghetti Dinner. Students and their families showed up for some delicious spaghetti and to see administrators kiss the pig. *Photo by Becca Dudenhefer*





## SPIRITED NUMBERS

**Total attendance at the "Fifth Quarter": 75**

**Total percentage of pep-rally goers: 97.2%**

**Total money for the "Kiss the Pig" drive: \$500**

**Signing up.** Juniors Ramon Baker, Jeremy Terwari, and Cheryl Watson sign up for the three-on-three basketball tournament at the FCA's Fifth Quarter. There was a total of 14 teams that participated in the tournament. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



**A lift.** An eighth grader from A.G. Wright gets a boost from freshman Matt Moody and junior Margaret Adair at the Fifth Quarter. Along with basketball, students enjoyed volleyball, music, and food provided by the FCA. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

**Pucker up.** Dr. Lisa Martin uses cookie to entice "Joey" the pig at the spaghetti dinner. After a week of collecting donations at lunches, Dr. Martin had the most money in her container and won the honor of kissing Joey. *Photo by Becca Dudenhefer*



# HAND IN HAND

Dating is serious business. At least, to some it is. Although there were students who went through high school and never got the dating experience, most gave it a try.

Students went out in groups to the movies, parties, to dances, out to eat, almost everywhere. This was known as group dating. In fact, for freshman Michelle Bartenfelder, "Dating is a group of people going out and having fun."

To other students, however, dating included a little more physical action. For freshman Alicia Jones, "Dating is being close with a person, holding hands in the hallway." While walking through the hallways between classes, students commonly saw couples holding hands, walking arm in arm, or talking. It was obvious who was "together" and who wasn't.

Some students thought of dating as a

relationship. Junior Heather Glasgow said, "My definition of dating is when a girl and guy enjoy the comfort of the company of each other in a loving relationship through both good and bad times." Freshman Cagney Meisner viewed dating a little differently: "Dating stinks because you have to keep a commitment."

The older students had a more focused view on dating; perhaps it was because of their added years of experience. Junior Sara Fennell said, "Dating is where you go out with one person exclusively, and actually see that person out of school," whereas sophomore Allan Paquette viewed dating as "two people going out as a couple." Overall, most students asked about their definition of dating felt that dating involved commitment to one person and going someplace to have fun.

*By Ashley Derby*

## TOP FIVE PLACES TO GO TO ON A DATE

1. Out To Dinner
2. The Movies
3. Someone's House
4. A Coffee Shop
5. A Party

**Parting glances.** Sophomores Jake Burrows and Jessica Smith hold hands in the main hallway between classes. Holding hands in the halls was not considered offensive; therefore, it was allowed by the code of conduct. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*







**Slow motion.** Sophomore Chris Albright and freshman Nicole Woznick slow dance at the first dance. The dance was held after the Fauquier football game for students' fellowship. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*

**A time to smile.** Students dance at Newcoming, the school's first formal. Before the dance, students and their dates usually went out to dinner. *Photo courtesy of Lifetouch*



**Just friends.** Between classes, students had the opportunity to converse with their friends while making their way through the halls. Two students talk while peering over the main staircase. *Photo by Nichole Jones*



**Still on the dance floor.** Freshmen Leigh Johnston and Jacob Flattery dance together during the casual dance after the Fauquier football game. According to Johnston, she and Flattery were just together, but not going out. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*



**Sibling support.** Sophomore Jennie Fulmer watches as her older brother, junior Chris Fulmer, drills with junior Daniel Wasson at wrestling practice. Jennie supported Chris by becoming a trainer for the wrestling team. *Photo by Brittany Trant*

**Same schedules.** Sophomore twins Richard and Raymond Payne examine a slide in Mrs. Cindy Trant's biology class. The Paynes had the same fifth period class, something that was unusual for siblings. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*



**Give me a break.** Junior Nicole Fowler and her sister, freshman Ashley Fowler, take a break from assisting Ms. Anne McGee unload books. The Fowlers came to school on August 30 to help teachers unpack and get ready for the school's opening. *Photo by D. Siegmund*

**Family matters.** Sophomore Ayanna Khalsa converses with her younger sister, Malika, a freshman. Some siblings would discuss daily events and hang out, while others wouldn't be seen near each other during the day. *Photo by Nichole Jones*





# FAMILY TIES



Imagine having that little annoying brother or sister that mimics you and bugs you at home with you everyday at school; or imagine having to live up to your older sibling's reputation.

Students had a variety of reactions to having a sibling attend the same school. Some enjoyed seeing their siblings at school, whereas others would do whatever possible to avoid them.

Sometimes having a sibling around left students a little confused. Junior Makius Carabai said, referring to his sister, sophomore Jinean, "It's kind of annoying because people who don't know I have a sister come up to me and are like, 'Hey, I saw this girl who looked just like you today.'"

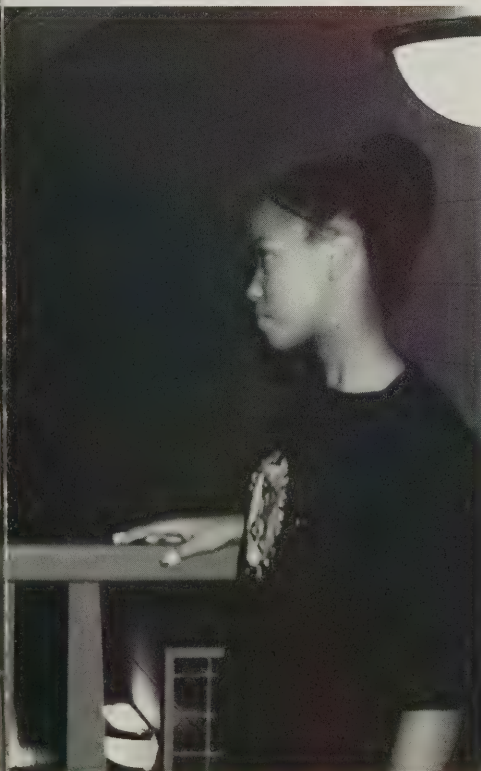
Junior Jennifer Hass noted about her freshman brother, Benjamin, "He and I are best friends, so we always say 'Hi' and joke around together." That type of behavior wasn't uncommon. Freshman Cory West said, "My sister's [Kristen]

cool, so I am not embarrassed to say 'Hi' or talk to her in the hallway." If a freshman had an older brother or sister, they usually had an easier time socially in their first year of high school. Older siblings would sometimes introduce their brothers and sisters to upperclassmen, and help them feel comfortable.

Younger siblings relied on their older brothers or sisters to give them a ride to and from school. Sophomore Tiffany Bruno said about her junior brother, Larry, "I hate riding with my brother to school; he always lets his friends sit in the front seat." Having an older sibling who drove made transportation easier because they didn't have to wait in the cold for the bus or for an unreliable friend.

The reactions siblings had toward each other during the school day revealed the type of relationship they had. Some were the best of friends, while others wouldn't even admit to having a sibling.

*By Jeffrey Young*



## WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU SEE YOUR SIBLING?

"I really don't see her [Cheyenne] that much. And when I do see her I usually just smile and keep walking."

*Junior Lisa Yeagly*

"It's is weird because everybody knows me as 'Tony's little sister.'"

*Sophomore Bianca Levine*



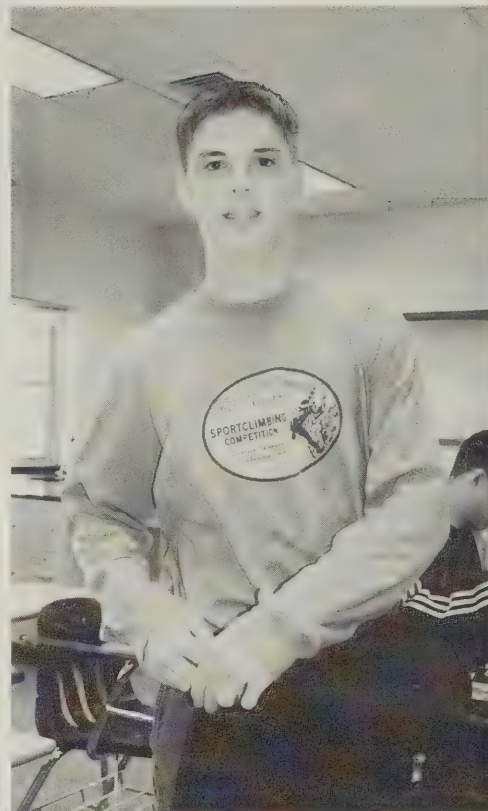
**Sister Act.** Juniors Lily Miranda and her sister, Anna Aveleyra have lunch together. Miranda and Aveleyra stood in line together everyday, but rarely ate at the same table. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*



**Classy riders.** Sophomores Ryan Elliot, Richard Jones, and Matt Elliot, all wearing clothes from Structure wait for their ride. Structure was popular because of its prep style. *Photo by Morgan Crandall*



**Common wealth.** Scott Rudd a sophomore wears Abercrombie and Fitch, as he packs up from biology class. Abercrombie was commonly worn by students. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*



**Fancy feast.** Jinean Carabai, a sophomore, quickly eats her lunch, careful not to spill on her new FUBU wear shirt. FUBU was an abbreviation for the phrase "For us by us." *Photo by Emily Mathusa*

**Meow.** While looking for a place to eat, sophomore Christy Heib sports her individuality with her all black skirt, pixy haircut, and kitty back pack. Individuality was the main reason why students dressed the way they did. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*





# TRENDS SHOW FRIENDS

Fashion is an exciting part of any time, any place. It gives people a chance to express who they are through what they wear. This meant that the way you dressed could have an effect on whom you talked to . . . and on who talked to you. As junior Ken McCabe said, "It's not always the personality that makes the person fun to talk to."

Clothing styles changed almost every year. Students often took styles from magazines and other material with celebrity style influence. Sophomore Matt Crews, for example, explained, "I like to wear FUBU, Nautica, Echo, a lot of baggy stuff. I get my style from different rap artists."

Still, they wore what they liked to wear, and everybody had their own opinion as to what could be liked. For example, sophomore Melissa Lehman said, "I like cute clothes, you know, like Express, Abercrombie and Fitch, Limited--stuff like that."

Other students, however, didn't get into the celebrity style stuff. Freshman Robert Douglas said, "I like to wear what I like to wear. It doesn't matter what other people think." And junior Gabe Compton agreed that it really didn't matter what people wore: "If they're nice and fun to talk to, then I'll talk to them."

Then there were those t-shirt and jeans, laid-back styles roaming the halls. Junior

Zac Childres said, "I don't really have a style I just buy clothes and wear whatever's clean." But being casual could be crucial, for sophomore Steven Beveridge noted, "I don't go out of my way to say hi to those who don't dress like me because odds are that person will not like the same things I do."

It was exciting to see the new styles and the way people mixed old and new. Did they clash? So what? As freshman Tom Bloomer said, "It doesn't matter how people dress as long as they like what they wear." Students felt comfortable with their styles, but that would all change when some new fashion walked down the halls. *By Adam Green*



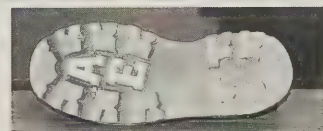
**TOMMY HILFICER**



**BILLABONG**



**AMERICAN EAGLE**



**ADIDAS**



**Clear sailing.** Sophomore Houston Thatcher dons his Nautica apparel while making his way to class. The Nautica fleeces were especially popular among students. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*



# HELPING HANDS

Road-side cleanups, visiting the elderly, teaching an elementary school student his multiplication tables, preparing peers for the SOLs. . . . Students participated in these tasks and many others out of the kindness. Junior Tony Mammarella, who often worked at the homeless shelter in Fredericksburg, said, "Community service doesn't only improve the community, it also increases the quality of your character and the way you perceive things."

School organizations and athletic teams joined together and offered a helping hand. The volleyball teams participated in a three mile walk for Potomac Hospital to benefit its Search for a Cure of Heart Disease. Freshman Sarah Hall said, "There were tons of people there. It made me smile to see how many people participated."

The school provided opportunities for

students to participate in community service. With such clubs as Interact, Learn and Serve, and Students Serving Stafford, students could always give back to their community. Freshman Katie McCluskey recalled one of Interact's projects when she said, "We did a canned food drive for Hope House."

Students sometimes helped out in order to make others happy. Junior Lacey Fisher jumped rope for people in a nursing home. Freshman Steven Cunningham and junior Wes Vickroy volunteered as Emergency Medical Technicians because they wanted to have a career in that field.

Student helped out the community through school organizations and their own personal interests. Through these services students built character, improved people's lives, gained personal gratitude, and obtained knowledge for their future careers. *By Jeffrey Young*



**Student becomes teacher.** Junior Christine Wysocki assists third grader Cassie Harris with her multiplication skills by playing a game called "Circles and Stars." Wysocki tutored at Hampton Oaks Elementary School on Tuesdays and Fridays through the National Honor Society. *Photo by Lauren Griswold*







## WHY DO YOU DO COMMUNITY SERVICE?

Kindness .....	22%
I Don't .....	45%
Court Ordered .....	18%
Parents .....	6%
Church .....	7%

Will it promote good will? Juniors Adam Phillips, President of Interact, and Julie Ross help prepare the tables for breakfast at Drew Middle School. The breakfast was for the Rotary Club, which sponsored the Interact Club. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*



**First aid.** Freshman Steven Cunningham works as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician with the Mountain View Rescue Squad. Cunningham had been volunteering for over a year just to have something to do in his free time. In another year, he would be qualified to go out on calls. *Photo by D. Stegmund*

**Measuring success.** Junior Mary Mattison sets the scale at the Medical Center of Stafford, where she volunteered. Mattison was interested in the medical field as a professional career; therefore, her community service served as preparation for her future. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



# A CHRISTMAS SPIN-OFF

Imagine Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol rewritten in a 1990's style. Ms Anne McGee, an 11th grade English teacher, enjoyed the play and had positive thoughts, "I enjoyed the play because it was true to Charles Dicken A Christmas Carol, because it illustrated the need for Christmas spirit and the possibility of achieving it."

Those in the play had other thoughts on which version of the play was better. Junior Garrison Rule played Bob Crachet, as well as young Scrooge. He said, "It was difficult to memorize at first, but after a few rehearsals it got easier. I also preferred the old version as well." However, Dickens' original didn't appeal to many students, which might have made the new one more exciting.

The technology of the play was

important in keeping up the 90's style. The cast pre-taped the scene of Ghosts of Christmas Past and projected it on a screen to give a flashback effect. Also, Marley's ghost appeared on the television screen while Scrooge was working out. Music also provided the mood for the future scenes.

One of the outstanding vocalists of the play was junior Stephanie Houser. She said, "I sang the song *Blue Christmas*; it was difficult to memorize because it was given to me about two days before the production."

Our Christmas Carol achieved its goal by providing entertainment for students, teachers, and other family members. It used 90's culture and technology to spice up a Christmas classic.

*By Adam Green*



**Role reversal.** In the opening scene juniors Christine Wyscocki, Amy Goodnight, and Sara Fennel act as charity workers. The original story had men playing these parts, but the play incorporated women's rights and had females play the roles. *Photo by D. Siegmund*

**Christmas carolers.** Sophomores Kelly Shaw and John Irby sing "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer," the first duet of the play. The chorus also sang such songs as "Ukrainian Bell Carol" and "Jingle Bell Rock." *Photo by D. Siegmund*







**Set the stage.** Sophomores Rachael Downham and Mark Thyrring, freshman Katie Wells, and junior Garrison Rule portray the Cratchet family. The Kemperer family provided the drama department with the furniture for the set. *Photo by Amber Romero*

## PLAY'S NUMBERS

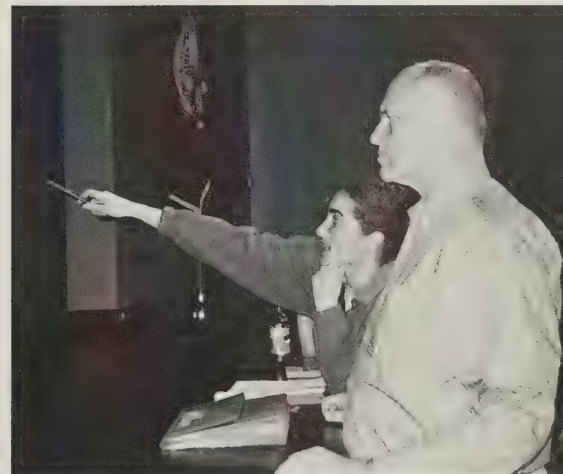
Total hours of rehearsal:  
**105**

Number of cast/crew  
members:  
**55**

Amount of money used:  
**\$200.00**

Total Income:  
**\$1,400.00**

Duration of Play:  
**120 minutes**



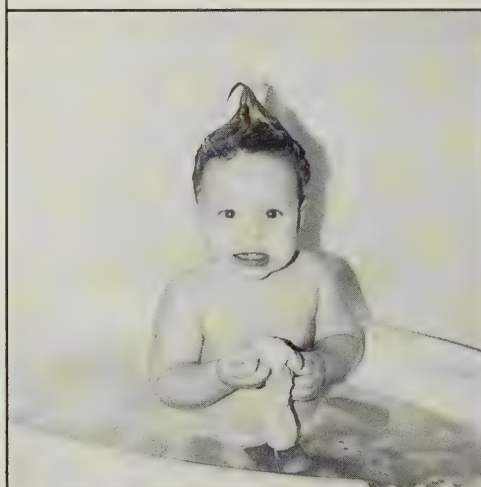
**Director's touch.** Along side Mr. Fred Franklin, junior Heather Benson directs the cast on stage. Benson was not only the director of the play; she also played a director in the play, causing her to lose her voice at one point. *Photo by Amber Romero*

**Backstage preparation.** Freshman Ariadna Villarreal carefully applies make-up to junior Christina Weidner. Fifteen minutes before the play, the cast crowded into the dressing room for a final preparation speech and make-up. *Photo by D. Siegmund*



**All smiles.** Sophomore Christina Clark likes to show off her fun, outgoing personality. One of her favorite childhood memories was taking bathes.  
*Photo by Amber Romero; photo courtesy of Christina Clarke*

**Moving on.** Junior Phil Delwiche was always on the move. Starting out at age one, he crawled everywhere. Now 16, Phil can be found on the lacrosse field and running long distance with the cross country team.  
*Photos courtesy of Phil Delwiche and Mr. Walt Breede*



**Wet feet.** Sophomore Adella Summers began swimming in the ocean at age four, then moved on to summer league swim teams. She participated on our first swim team and swam at the state meet. Swimming was one of her favorite memories.  
*Photos courtesy of Adella Summers*







# PLAY DATES

"My favorite memory is not a good one, but funny. I was playing kickball, and when I went to catch the ball, I ran into the metal pole of the swings and knocked my two front teeth out. I only found one," said freshman Stephanie Barrett. Most students who were asked had fond memories to share—or maybe just vivid ones, like Barrett.

Junior Aljay Kivlehan stated, "My favorite childhood memory is probably being afraid. I was afraid of every little thing. I was scared of dogs, the noise the toilet made when it was flushed. I was scared of eating carrots 'cause I thought my eyes would bulge out like Bugs Bunny's did. Ahhh, it was so terribly exciting."

There were students who didn't have any particular memories, like junior David Shuford: "My childhood memories were about having no responsibilities and worries."

However, freshman Nicole Rowland recalled her summer fun, "going outside and playing with my friends until night time and catching lightning bugs!" Also, Sophomore Cathy Butler remembered,

"My brothers and I pretended the boogymen was after us at night around my house. I also remember us being scared about a house down the street -- we thought a witch lived there!" Students were more connected to their families during their childhood.

Other students reminisced more about themselves. For instance, junior Christie Miller said, "I remember wearing my favorite watermelon and ABC dresses, hurting myself a lot, and I know that I talked a lot." Freshman Rachel Harriott said, "I remember I loved lollipops, and I always had one; I even had them in my mouth for pictures." And then there were students who just remembered past pets, like freshman Derek Campbell. "My best memory is my dog Trixy, before he got bitten."

Many students had great memories to share, ranging from ratty old carebears to scary sandbox stories, from favorite blankets to smurfs, and from GI Joes to Shera. Students cherished their memories and knew that they would never forget them. *By Ashley Derby*



## A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS

1. Carebears
2. Going to the beach
3. Sesame Street
4. G.I. Joes
5. Rainbow Bright
6. Fraggles
7. Saturday morning cartoons
8. Favorite outfits
9. Ducktales
10. Muppet Babies

**Sand all over!** Junior Erin Millbaugh loved the beach when she was little and played in the sand all of the time. Obviously, she still does because she's been covered with tons of sand by her family on the beach. *Photos courtesy of Erin Millbaugh*



# COLLECTORS' ITEMS

"I have a collection of pet rocks, who all have German names, and living quarters," joked junior Christina Wynes. However, junior George Prince thought, "Hobbies are dumb, people only have them because they have nothing better to do."

Nevertheless, students had collections and took them seriously. Collections included things from cards and action figures to comic books. Freshman Robert Bozich had a Pokemon card game collection. Bozich enjoyed collecting the cards, as well as beating his brother in the game.

There also was a wild side to collections. Junior Lina Hunter had an assortment of bottle caps, X-Men, posters, and her personal favorite, tiger paraphernalia. Hunter had bottle caps from almost every company in the U.S., as well as from foreign countries. Her tiger

collection included dolls, posters, and a pair of extraordinary tiger pants. Hunter could be seen sporting her passion for tigers at school with her tiger backpack.

The athletic side of hobbies was Lacey Fisher's idea of fun. She was the number one jump-roper in Virginia. She has participated in national and world events. "It's hard to stay in shape," Fisher said. "My dad is always pushing me; everyday includes running and lifting weights." Fisher spent time as a professional jump roper and hoped to go to the Olympics. Fisher shared her hobby with the school by performing at three home basketball games.

Some people had hobbies because they were bored or wanted to have fun. However, sophomore Joey Harpine said, "Collections are good, because if you keep them long enough, they might be worth money." *By Adam Green*

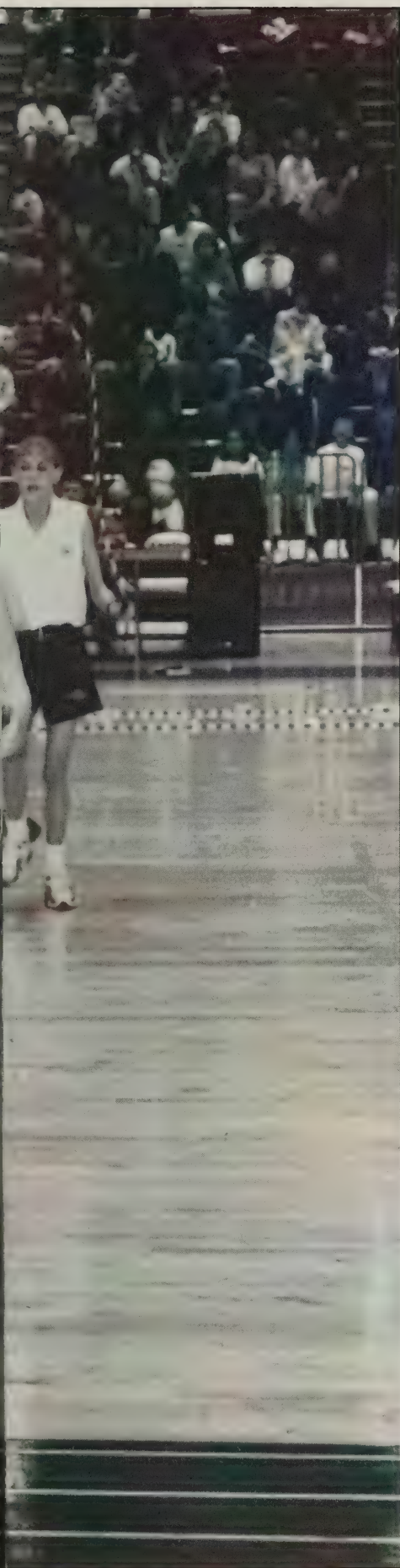


**Magnetic attitude.** Sophomore Tara Marciniak displays her collectoin of magnets in her school locker. Marciniak said the magnets gave her a positive attitude during the day. *Photos by Emily Mathusa*



**VA Lightning skipper.** Junior Lacey Fisher performs with her jump rope team at the North Stafford home game. Fisher stunned the crowd with her skills and tricks. *Photo by Morgan Crandall*





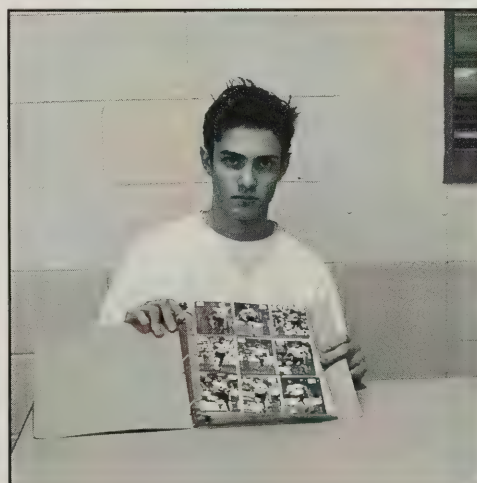
**Batter up.** Junior Rich Beland displays a few of his cards from his baseball card collection. His favorite cards included Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire as rookies. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*

### TOP TEN COLLECTIONS

1. Cards
2. Movies
3. Beanie Babies
4. C.D.s
5. Dolls
6. Butterflies
7. Model cars
8. Key chains
9. Coins
10. Stuffed animals



**"They're Grrrreat."** Junior Lina Hunter holds her Barnum and Bailey cardboard tiger, while explaining her fetish for tigers. She also collected posters of X-Men illustrated by her friend. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*



**Kickin' collection.** Freshmen Robert Bozich shows his collection of soccer cards. He collected cards of the players from DC United, along with the U.S. soccer team. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*



**Goal.** Freshman Chris Messier referees soccer games at Pratt Park every weekend. A soccer referee requires a lot of conditioning and knowledge about the game.  
*Photo by Kelly Burcham*



## GOOD MONEY

- Outdoor Work:
  - Lifeguard
  - Landscaping
  - Construction
- Movie Theaters
- Restaurants

## IT'S MONEY

- Burger Joints
- Grocery Stores
- Babysitting



**Mmmm.** Junior Kristen West works as cashier at Just Desserts off of Route 610. West said, "I work four days a week, sometimes five. I basically sell all our yummy stuff, and if I'm lucky I get to make most of it." *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

**What the heck is that smell?** Junior Pat Heck lifts the lid to the atmospheric retort vessel at the Original Garlic Company. Pat worked three hours a day on school days doing inventory work, labeling jars, and packing mail orders. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*





# BALANCING ACT



Imagine going home everyday after school and getting ready for work in about five minutes, working until ten o'clock and then arriving at home with a nice stack of homework to complete and still manage a decent night's sleep. Sounds insane but some students did it, like junior T.J. Jones, who worked at Sam's Pizza and Subs. "I work about thirty hours a week making pizza and hanging out with my friends--they work there too. Christine Wysocki, also a junior, was working at Carl's ice cream for the first month of school. She worked until eleven o'clock at night on several weeknights and also on weekends; however, "there just wasn't enough time for schoolwork and sleep."

Why did these students sacrifice so much time and effort for their jobs? Some wanted fast cash, but that wasn't the case

for every student. Freshman Chris Messier was a referee for SRSI on Saturdays. "I get paid \$18 a game, and I like my job because I play soccer, and I really like what I do." Sophomore Nichole Gagnon worked for an animal hospital in Woodbridge. She worked Saturdays during the school year and everyday during the summertime. "It's nice because I can learn more about medicine and work with animals." Convenience was a key reason. Sophomore Chris Polliard designed web pages on the internet. "The most I've ever gotten was \$200 for a web page."

Whether for money, fun, or socialization enjoyment, the working class managed to balance the seemingly impossible combination of work and school. *By Ashley Derby*



**Over a billion served.** Sophomore Kenneth Sellers mans the grill, and prepares burgers at the McDonalds in Aquia. Sellers had been employed there off and on for two years, and works only on the weekends during the school year. *Photo by D. Siegmund*



**Same Old Navy.** Junior Alaina Hernandez earns her money stocking the shelves at Old Navy in Central Park. Students sometimes had to travel outside of the county in order to find employment opportunities. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*



# FIND A PENNY, PICK IT UP

What would happen if someone walked under a ladder, or accidentally broke a mirror? Would it actually cause bad luck for seven years? Some students thought so. Sophomore Kathy O'Brein said, "I go with every superstition there is. If I see a black cat, I walk the other way. I even put pennies in my shoes!"

Sophomore Erica Goodrich added, "Yeah, I'm VERY superstitious; I'm always throwing salt over my shoulder and stuff like that." There were other students, such as freshman Mike Porter, who never took an umbrella indoors. When walking through the hallway, juniors Miriam Martin, Amy Kuchno, and friends were always careful to never "split the pole." They reported that "It's bad luck to separate a group with a solid object," such as the dividers in the main hallways.

However, some students refused to believe in superstitions and luck. In fact, more students didn't believe in superstitions than those did. For instance, junior Wes Vickroy said, "It's bad luck

to be superstitious." Plainly said, and truth behind it--for some students. Junior James Cook stated, "When things are anticipated, they are less likely to occur."

There were a number of student athletes who were only superstitious about sports. Sophomore football player John Carlow said, "I wear the same shirt for every football game day. I always wear the same socks and only wash them if we lose." Another football player, freshman Ryan Wallis, commented, "We [the team] listen to the Ruff Ryder's CD, number 15, before every game." Sophomore Crystal Black always "kisses my cross, do the holy thing, and then I'll hold my breath for a minute (for good luck) before a game, meet, or a test--anything important."

Overall, the student body's ideas were diverse on their beliefs in superstitions and good luck charms. For generations to come, people will rely on superstitions to explain things--or just let nature take its course.

*By Ashley Derby*



**Oops.** Junior Jeremy Mishler talks to junior Daniel Davis while throwing salt over his shoulder. Even though the cafeteria used packets of salt, instead of salt shakers, Mishler still believed "if you spill salt, you have to throw it over your shoulder for good luck." *Photo by Leigh Harris*

**So there!** Junior Ryan Warner throws caution to the wind as he walks under a ladder that was left by one of the construction workers who were constantly coming and going. Warner obviously did not believe in the age-old superstition that brings bad luck. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*

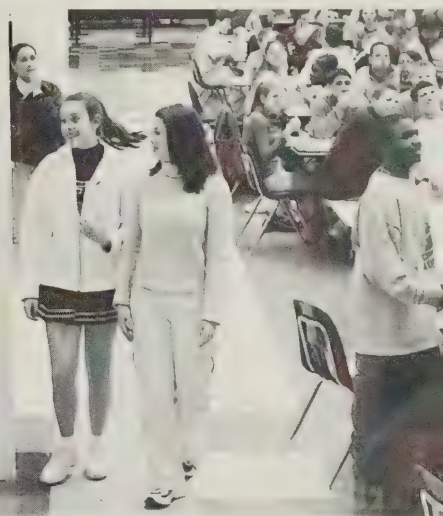
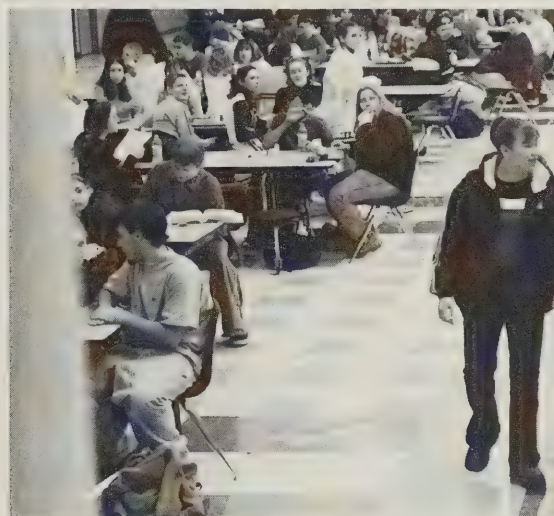






**Omen omitter.** Freshman Joshua Henderson inspects junior Stephanie Houser's necklace in the hallway. Houser wore the necklace at all times and believed that it helped ward off bad omens. Some students used the necklaces to protect them from the evils of bad luck at school. *Photo by Leigh Harris*

**Banana split?** Superstitions could be seen throughout the school including the lunch room. Freshman Lindsay Campbell, junior Amy Kuchno, and sophomore CiCi Menona break a common superstition known as "split the pole." "Splitting the Pole" was dividing a group by a solid object. *Photo by Leigh Harris*



## WISHY WASHY

"I make a wish when the time is like 5:55 or 11:11."

- Junior Ashley Nihart

"When my necklace gets turned around, I kiss it and make a wish."

- Junior Jessica Thompson

"I think if you get the eyelash off the cheek, you make a wish for good luck."

- Junior Chris Garcia

**. . . fall and break your back.** Sophomore Brandon Swecker tiptoes down to lunch, careful not to step on the cracks. The hallways and classrooms made keeping the superstition difficult due to the small tiles that covered the floors in the school. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*



# THERE'S NO I...

One of the necessary skills that student's learn in high school and take with them throughout their life is teamwork. Students were given the opportunity to participate in many teamwork building activities, such as athletics, plays, clubs, powder puff, float building, and much more. Teamwork was a valuable skill that students had to acquire early in life in order to succeed later.

During the school's first play, Our Christmas Carol, students worked together to write, prepare, and perform an innovative production of a timeless classic. Junior Sara Fennel stated, "Our Christmas Carol was a cast-written play and a complete team effort. When we were done we had accomplished a seemingly impossible feat through teamwork."

The school's first powder puff game

was a success and allowed junior and sophomore girls to work together. Sophomore Courtney Paskanik said, "With so many people involved in after-school activities, we really had to work as a team to schedule practices."

The school's first homecoming was a product of the teamwork by the Student Leadership Council. They put in months of work and planning to make it perfect. Junior Mimi Couns said, "We met every Tuesday and Thursday to discuss our progress with fund-raisers, advertising, and the decorations. We all worked so hard together to make it a special night."

School programs allowed students to improve their teamwork skills. The activities and organizations required all participants to work together in order to achieve a common goal. *By Jeffrey Young*



**Retreat heat.** Members of the Student Leadership Council work together to plan the newcoming dance. The Student Leadership Council went to a retreat at Graves Mountain Lodge in Surry, Virginia, along with North Stafford High School's SCA. *Photo by Ashley Reeves*



**A part of the team.** Juniors Beth Williams, Akemi Parker, and Mitch Nason are sworn in as National Honor Society officers. National Honor Society was a club that worked as a team to make many decisions and provide services to the school. *Photo by Morgan Crandall*

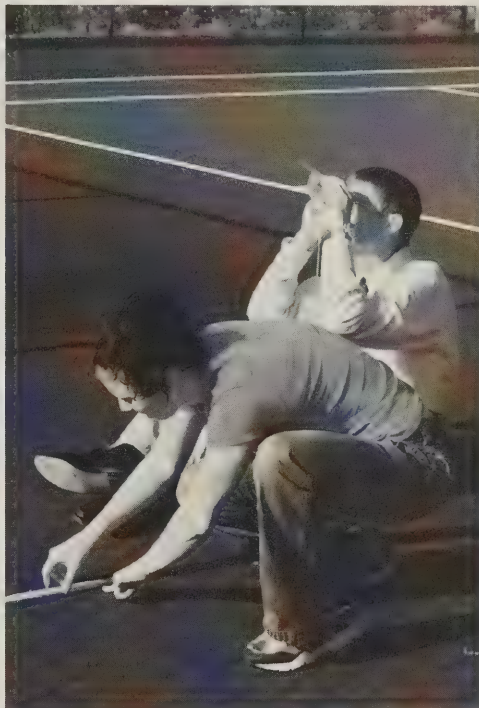






**Making it happen.** Sophomores Amber Romero and Michelle Landrum construct the lightning bolt for the car to present during the float parade. The floats required students to work together with their class during the weekends in order for them to be complete in time for the Newcoming Game. *Photo by Michelle Fabie.*

**Hard work + Cooperation = Teamwork.** Juniors Lisa Yeagly and Justin Hogan perform a trigonometry lab about shadows and angle of perception. Labs such as these required students to work together in order to get the task done on time. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



**Clock strikes 12.** Coach Karl Buckwalter gives his new team a speech at "Midnight Madness." It was the football team's first practice, which began at midnight and continued to the following day. This was a team building project that had a positive outcome. *Photo courtesy of Stafford Sun*



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## First Class



“At first all of the new people were overwhelming, but now I’ve made friends with them,” said junior Brian Britton. We passed 857 people each day. Some were friends we had been with since kindergarten, while others were complete strangers. As the year went on, the strangers became our friends. They were our dates to Prom, our study buddies, and our teammates.

Each student experienced something new being part of the first class. Juniors left behind their friends at three other schools, and made new friends for their last two years of high school. Sophomores, for the first time, were



considered upperclassmen and received the privileges that went with the title. Freshmen were not the only ones to be the new students in an unfamiliar school. We all had a common bond, though; we were the first class members of the student body.

*By Brittany Trant*

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**Sign of spirit.** Freshman Megan Clare converses with Ms Kathy Vining, her speech therapist, during class. Clare was voted the most spirited student during Spirit Week. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

**Last dance.** Students enjoy the final dance at Newcoming on October 30. The song was Celine Dion’s theme from *Titanic*, “My Heart Will Go On.” *Photo courtesy of Lifetouch*



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# Beginnings

"<sup>15</sup>oto, I don't think we're in Kansas anymore." Or, as Mr. Fred Franklin, opener of five county schools in the final third of the twentieth century, explained, "Opening a new school is like going to another country where they speak English."

Ms Anne McGee, who, along with Mr. Franklin and Mr. Don Siegmund, had opened both Stafford Senior High in 1975 and North Stafford in 1982, was more specific. What she liked was that "new schools aren't crowded. Not being overcrowded lessens noise and stress." However, "teaching was sometimes difficult when the construction wasn't finished."

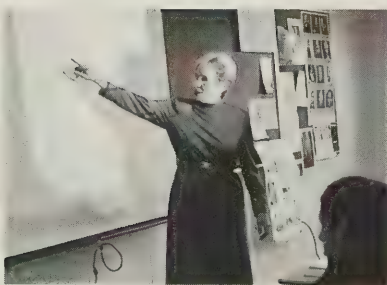
"I love change!" exclaimed

Mrs. Cindy Trant, who also

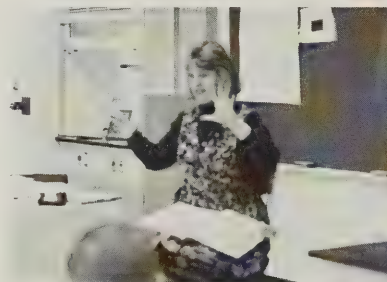
helped open North Stafford. "So I thought the move was very exciting and lots of fun--especially the unpacking."

All four teachers agreed that opening this school was the most enjoyable, in part because it was "the most beautiful and the best

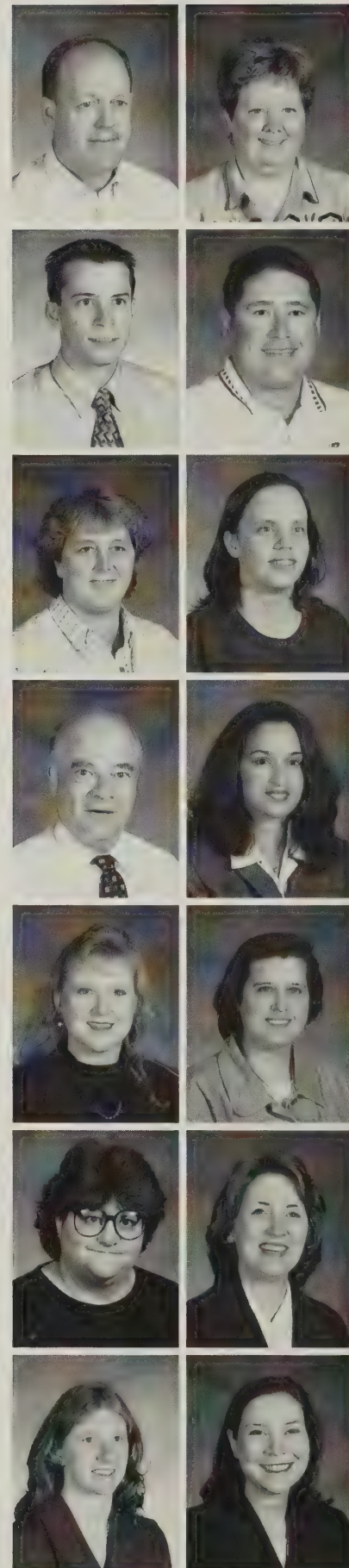
equipped." Besides, who could resist the chance to work in OZ? *By Andrea Borella & D. Siegmund*



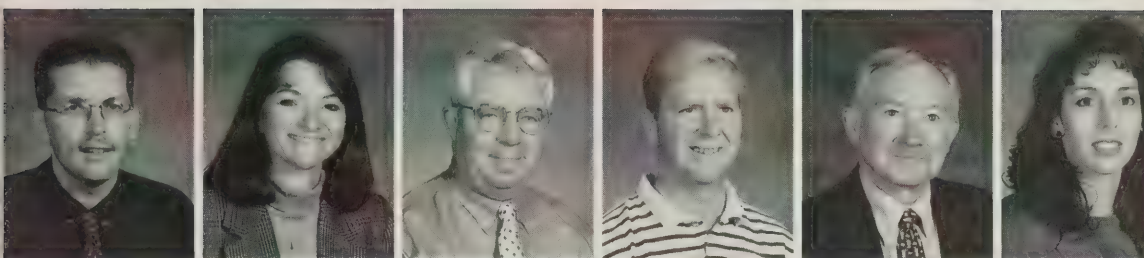
During fifth period college prep English, Ms Anne McGee uses the overhead to show the class a paragraph where they had to find errors in punctuation, grammar and spelling. *Photo by Andrea Borella*



Showing her enthusiasm for science, Mrs. Cindy Trant explains genetics to her fifth period biology class. *Photo by Andrea Borella*







David Algert  
Debi Angilletta  
Deron Baker  
Jeannie Benson  
Walt Breede  
Karl Buckwalter  
C.A. Burton  
Sylvia Bustillos



Craig Carlson  
Don Casias  
Kevin Celata  
Amanda Cielaki  
Gail Clark  
Debbie Clark  
Brian Collier  
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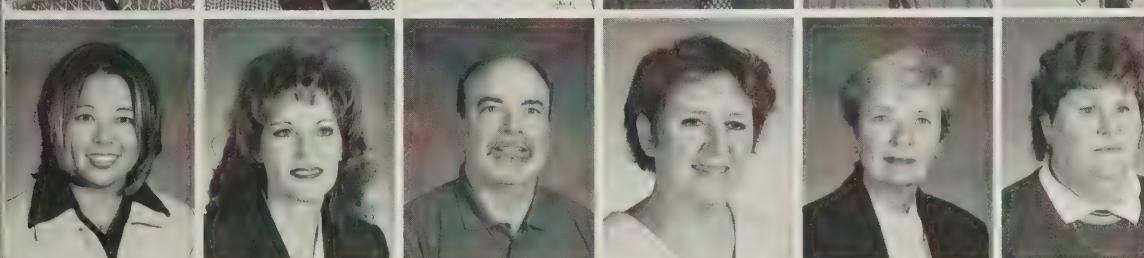
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Wendy Hughes  
Debra Ingram  
Clarissa Jackman  
Johnnie Jenkins  
Harry Johnston  
Andrea Jones



Dawn Kracker  
Betty Krapfl  
Frank Latino  
Patty Lawrence  
Billy Lewis  
Brady Liechty  
Don Lilley  
Andrew Loft



Elissa Loudon  
Julie Malinowski  
Sarah Mallard  
Lisa Martin  
Jim McCloud  
Sue McCloud  
Anne McGee  
Marilyn McKenney



**Kept a  
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but gave**

# High Support

**L**ibrary assistant Kathi Wiser took time out to answer a few questions concerning her career and position as a support staff member.

YEARBOOK: "What are your daily duties as the library assistant?"

MRS. WISER: "I do a lot of clerical work, mostly checking books in and out, making purchase orders, and cataloging and filing."

YEARBOOK: "What are some of the advantages of working here?"

MRS. WISER: "I like working with the kids, and we also have a great staff, we really do."



Lounging in the library, Mrs. Kathi Wiser and junior Kelly Burcham talk about Wiser's experiences as a member of the support staff. Photo by Michelle Fabie



"Let me transfer you to Mrs. Stamey," Mrs. Wiser says into the telephone. One of her day-to-day responsibilities was to answer the telephone in the library. Photo by Michelle Fabie

YEARBOOK:

"What will you

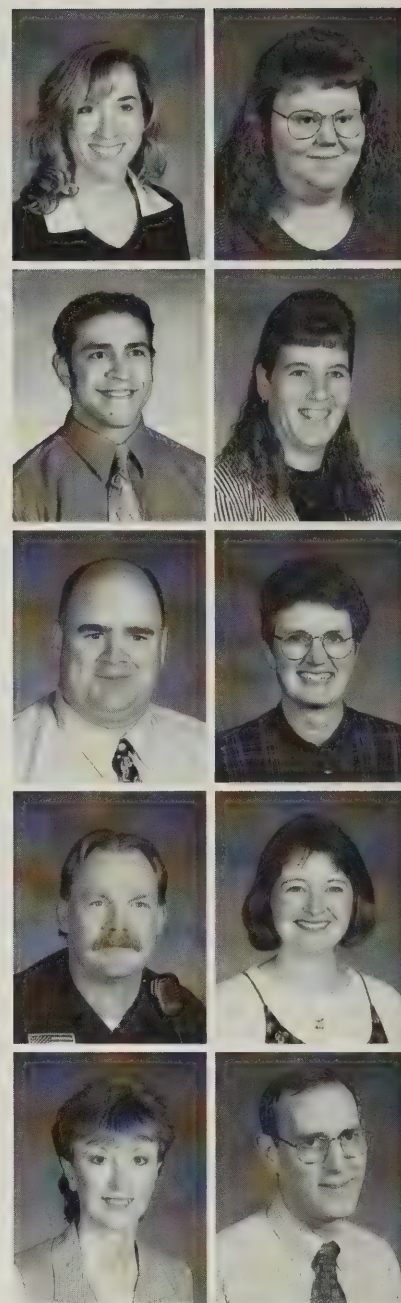
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about your first year here?"

MRS. WISER: "Learning about teenagers, sometimes more than I really needed to know!"

YEARBOOK: "Any final thoughts?"

MRS. WISER: "I bought the shirt, so I'm here to stay!" Interview by Kelly Burcham and Michelle Fabie







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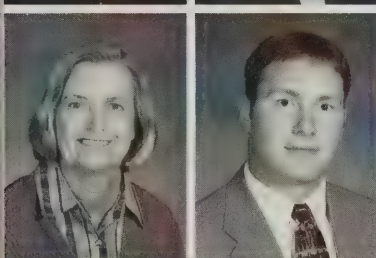
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Cindy Trant  
Joanne Villers  
Deidre Walker  
Fargo Wells  
Pam Whitt  
Kathi Wiser  
Mike Wondree



Charlene Wood  
Ken Yealy  
Sibby Young  
Bryan Zardezed



# JUNIORS

## *class of two-thousand one*

On the first day of school  
we found that we were freshmen all over again and that  
the maze of hallways  
new faces and unfamiliar teachers  
had even us Juniors baffled.

Imagine that!

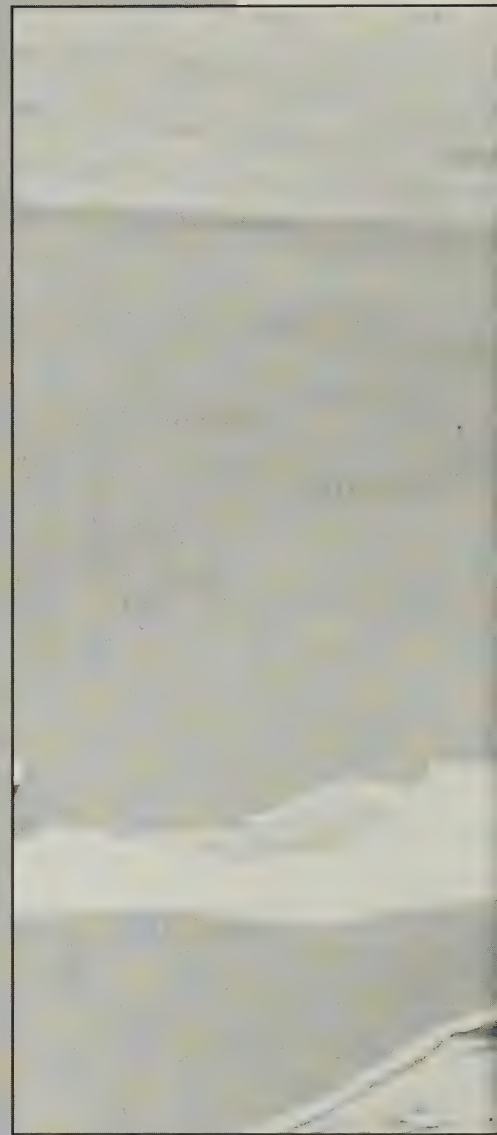
But somehow,  
through the midst of the confusion,  
we pulled through  
as the top dogs  
and led the way  
bringing together our old traditions  
to form a sense of Eagle Pride.

Bearing class rings and drivers' licenses,  
Letting everyone know who was boss,  
we saved up money for that new car,  
we registered for the SAT's  
we held fundraisers for prom,  
and we ate lunch in the Junior Court.

All in all, it's safe to say that  
By the end of the year, we  
were at the top of the ladder and had  
made our First Flight the best flight.

And all we have to say is,  
"Can't wait to do it again next year!"

By Kelly Burcham





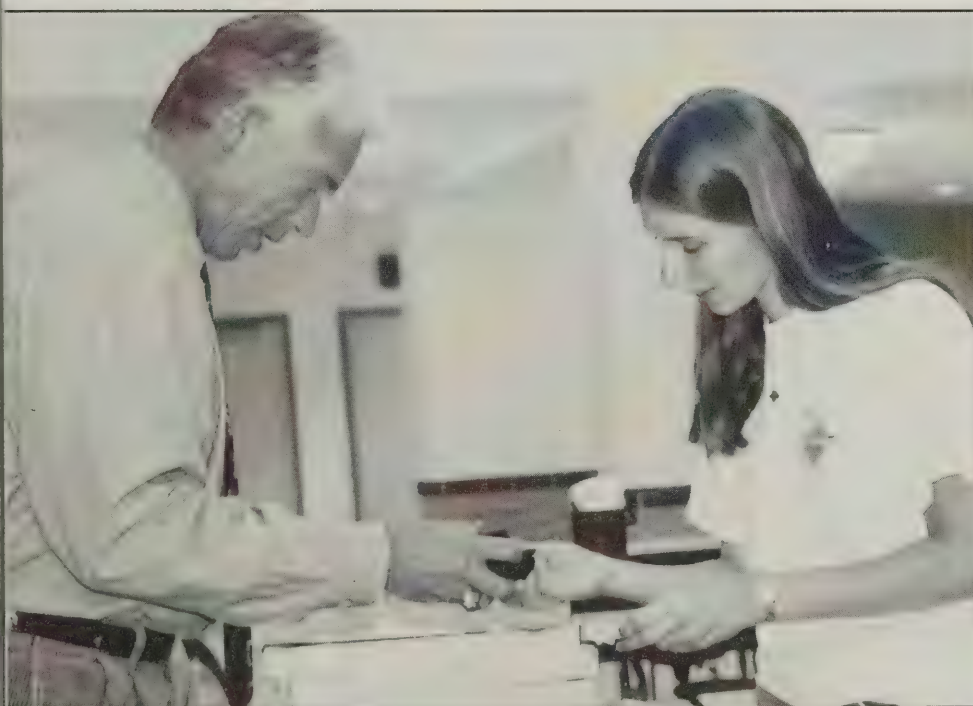


**Rain, rain, go away.** Hurrying to beat the rain, junior Beth Williams puts duct tape along the edges of the junior float. The tape was used to stabilize the cardboard city skyline and protect it from deteriorating in bad weather conditions. "We had to keep moving the cardboard in and out of the garage because the rain would start and stop and start and stop," she said. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*

**Congratulations.** Moments after Newcoming King Matt Flockhart was crowned, junior Joanne Gold receives a congratulatory hug from Dr. Martin upon finding out that she is the first Newcoming Queen. "It's kind of cool being king of the school. Little kids look up to you because there are no seniors," said Flockhart. Juniors represented the student body as Newcoming King and Queen since the school did not have seniors. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



**Ring in the new year.** During the Ring Party on September 23, junior Sarah Fennell catches the first glimpse of her class ring. Students ordered their rings for their new high school while they were still attending their former school. Class rings were a symbol of tradition and upperclassmen status. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*





**Time  
management  
kicks in. . .  
officers get  
a lesson in**

# floating

Going, going . . . gone! By the time junior officers were elected in mid-October, only two weeks remained until Newcoming--and plenty to do! Their focus had to be planning and building the class float. The juniors worked steadily at Secretary Lauren Griswold's house for two weekends until all was ready.

Time is money . . . and money was also a factor. The junior class budget, as well as others', was tight, so students had to work with

what they could gather together.

People were what was most needed to build the float, and officers had no need to hunt down other juniors to commit their weekend hours. "We had so many people that it went a lot faster than we thought it would,"

said Reporter Mike Gillies.

Even with the tight schedule and budget, the officers pulled everything together a few days early for Newcoming. *By Michelle Fabie*



Junior class vice-president Adam Garcia carries a part of the city skyline while helping to make the class float. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*



Juniors Elizabeth Sowers and Heather Benson pump up the Newcoming crowd. Their spirit banner followed the rest of the juniors' 70's float. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*







Margaret Adair  
Amy Adkins  
Nina Anderson  
Anna Armington  
Milena Atkinson  
Anna Aveleyra  
Joseph Baker

Raymond Baker  
Michael Barnes  
Ashley Batts  
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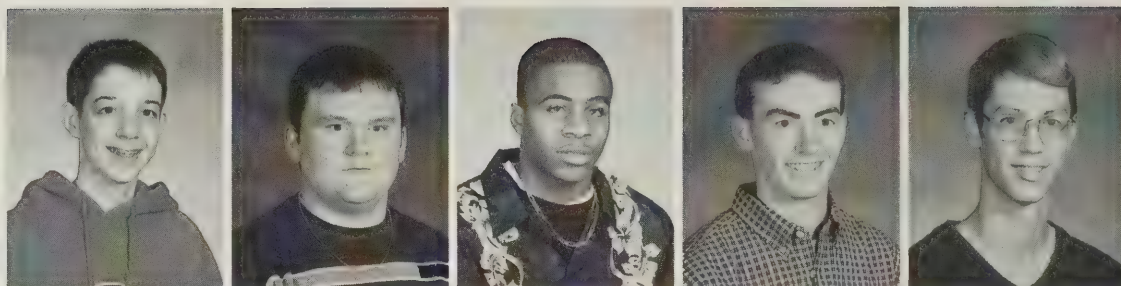
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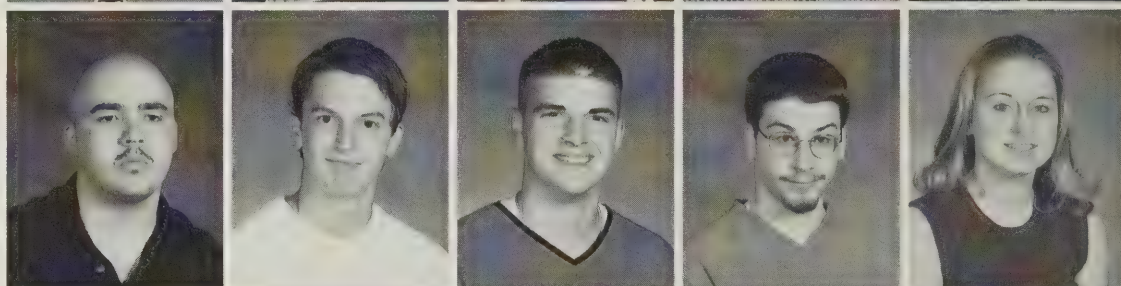
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Daniel Davis  
Phillip Delwiche  
Ashley Derby  
Christina Dodd



Jason Dodd  
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Bradley Duckworth  
Becca Dudenhefer  
Erin Dunn  
Lashone Easley



Christopher Endrizzi  
Michael Essig  
Lindsey Evans  
Kelly Everett  
Sara Fennell  
Matthew Flockhart  
Amanda Foley



Nicole Fowler  
Crystal Frakes  
Jennifer Franklin  
Virginia Fuller  
Chris Fulmer  
Ian Galvin  
Adam Garcia



Christopher Garcia  
William Gentry  
William George  
Michael Gillies  
Tabitha Girtin  
Heather Glasgow  
Joanne Gold



Amy Goodnight  
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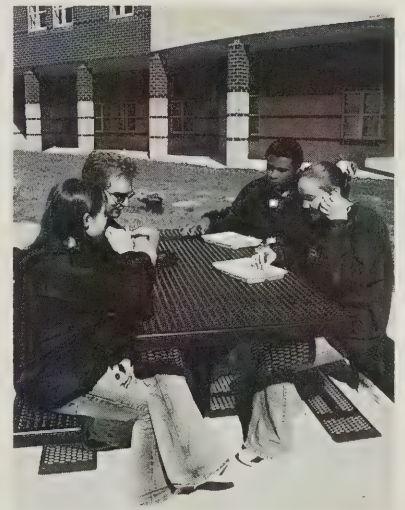
# In Control

The only thing that the school seemed to be missing was seniors. So who got the senior privileges? Juniors. Juniors became seniors when they first entered the doors. They became the captains of sports, presidents and officers of clubs, king and queen of Newcoming and Prom, and, of course, they ate in the courtyard.

So, how did the juniors feel about this newfound authority? Most of them enjoyed their leadership positions. Joyce Owens commented, "I miss having seniors, but we have the power, so that's good."

This newfound control hadn't even clicked for others. Lacey Fisher said, "It doesn't really feel any different; but it's kinda cool knowing that you're at the top two years in a row."

The fate of the school was placed in the hands of the juniors. Or maybe the term "seniors" was preferred. *By Nichole Jones*



Juniors Ryan Warner, Heather Warren, Yavonna White, and Irvin Sawyer eat lunch in the Upperclassmen Courtyard. *Photo by Nichole Jones*

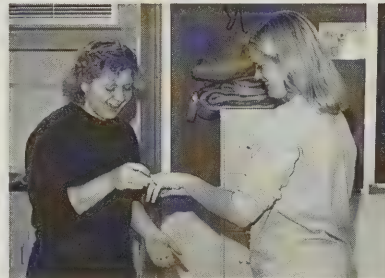


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# Class Rings

Being at the front of the line is usually a reward. The first Ring Party was no exception. Students stood in line, waiting to receive their rings. Classmates, boxes of pizza, and every kind of soda helped to pass the time.

Most of the juniors shared the anxiety and then excitement of class rings. Many agreed that it was a symbol of upperclass. Still others thought of it as a high school reminder. Dea Cordaro bought a class ring because "It's like a souvenir of high school, a



Junior Katherine Harris gets her ring turned by junior Nicole Mackey and carries on the age-old tradition. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*

memory to hold on to."

Class rings themselves carried their own traditions. Juniors were getting others to turn their rings at the party. One hundred turns later, they should have good luck.

Chrissey Dodd said, "I wanted something to remind me of how

much fun I had in high school, remind me of all the friends I've made, the bad times I made it through, and the good times I always had." *By Michelle Fabie*



Finally, juniors John Hall, Terrell Ross, and Tony Savelle receive their class rings from Mr. Mike Martin, the Jostens representative. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*







John Hall  
Sheila Hall  
Jonathan Harbach  
Katherine Harris  
Patrick Heck  
Kami Heddings  
Wilson Heflin

Alaina Hernandez  
Jamie Hicks  
Justin Hogan  
Jason Holder  
Mark Hollenbach  
Stephanie Houser  
Brian Huddle

Brandon Hunt  
Timothy Hunt  
Emily Hunter  
Amy Jackson  
Brandon Jackson  
Andrea Jenkins  
Heather Johnson

Tia Johnson  
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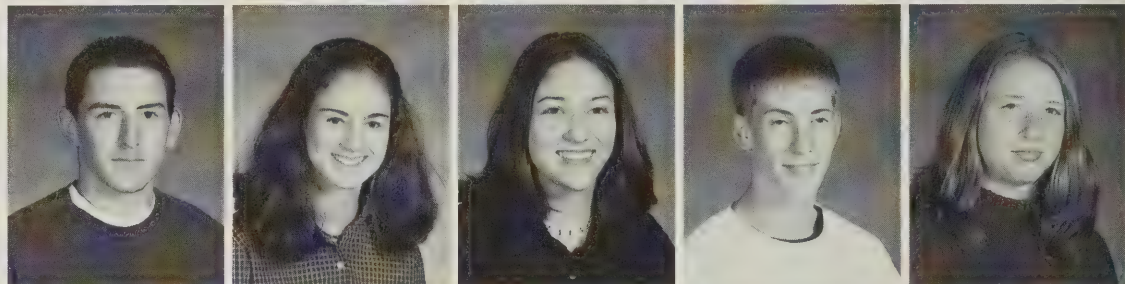
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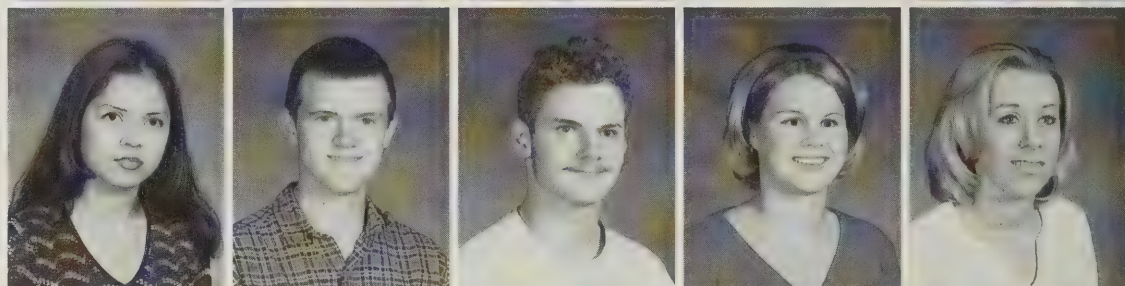
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Erin Millbaugh  
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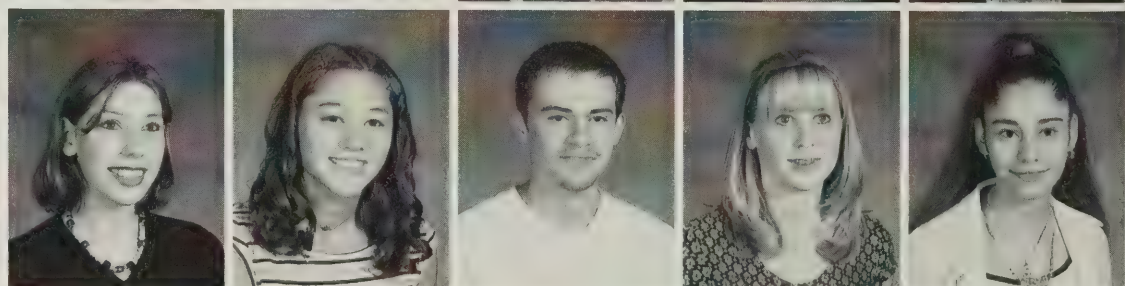
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Dawn Osterle  
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Samantha Pagano  
Akemi Parker  
Jason Patterson  
Jennifer Payne  
Melissa Perez  
Adam Phillips  
Carissa Pickenpaugh





Every  
morning,  
students  
rise to the  
occasion  
and

# Wake up!

"M om, five more minutes," was the first sound out of many students' mouths.

No matter how much time students had to get ready for school, it was never enough, and they always coveted more sleep. Yet, in addition to the necessary things like brushing teeth and combing hair, some students took a time to do other "important" steps. Junior Amy Goodnight watched her favorite television show, Dick Van Dyke.

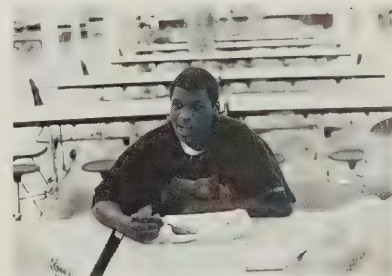
"It helps me wake up," she said.

Students  
took their time

waking up in those wee hours of the morning. Junior Catherine Meadows said, "I get up, take a shower, eat Cinnamon Toast Crunch, go back to bed, get up and panic because I've slept too long, get dressed, fix my hair, and leave. I'm always rushing out the

door."

It seemed that no matter what the morning ritual was and no matter how much time students had, they were always in a hurry. *By Leigh Harris*



Junior Ian Greeves comes to school early every morning to assure that he gets a nutritious breakfast while he talks with his friends. *Photo by Leigh Harris*



Primping before school, juniors Amanda Kempfer and Erin Dunn do their makeup in the school bathroom. "It takes work to look this good!" Kempfer said ironically. *Photo by Leigh Harris*





**Juniors  
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goodbye  
to the bus  
and hit  
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# Open Road

Oh, yeah! Students no longer had to ride that big yellow bus to school anymore.

And that was quite a privilege. Kristen West said, "Now we can leave our houses when we're ready in the morning, not when the bus is ready!"

The privilege, however, was a burden to some students. "I had to leave my house at 6:50 this morning just to pick everyone up!" said Larry Bruno.

Students who drove to school often found themselves taking several of their friends as well. Those that accepted and chose to drive their friends to school were faced with yet another burden.

"The only bad part about driving a whole bunch of people to school is that I'm responsible for getting them to school on time," said Adam Phillips.

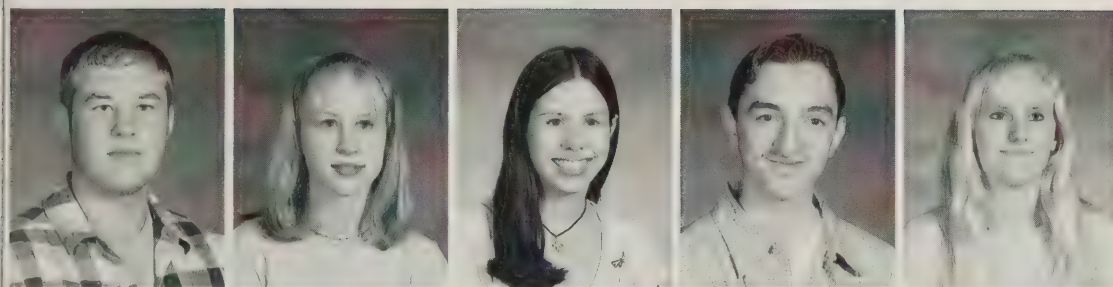
So why did students choose to drive instead of hopping on the bus? Beth Williams said it best: "Anything's better than the big cheese!" *By Linda Wesley*



At the end of the school day, junior Matt Flockhart reads his keys as he gets into his car. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*







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Robert Rankin  
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Matthew Robinson  
Julie Ross



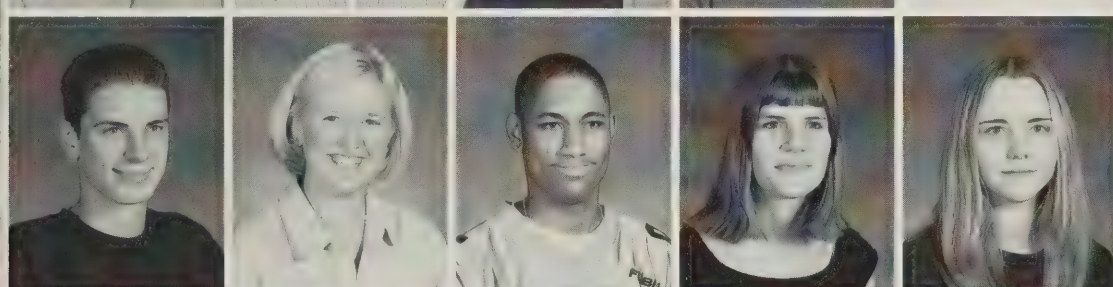
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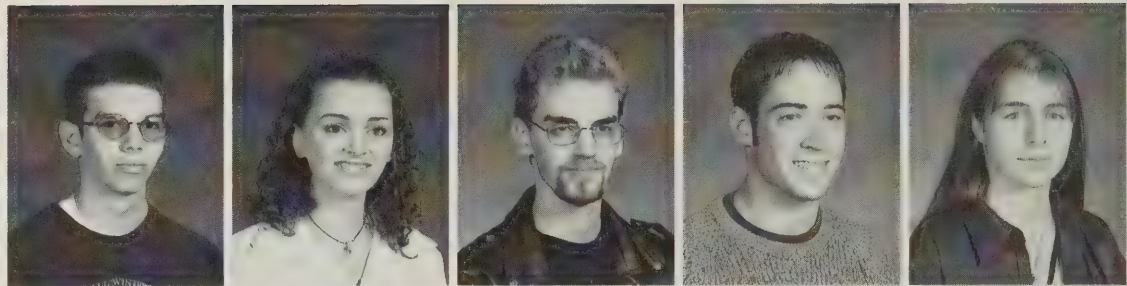
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Eva Yahnert  
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Junior Heather Johnson falls over laughing after being convicted as a witch in Mr. Don Lilley's English class. Lilley's class was studying The Crucible and having mock witch trials. Photo by Emily Mathusa

Junior Linda Wesley helps carry part of the junior class float. The disco dancers on the backdrop were silhouettes of juniors Mike Cole and Akemi Parker. Photo by Michelle Fabie





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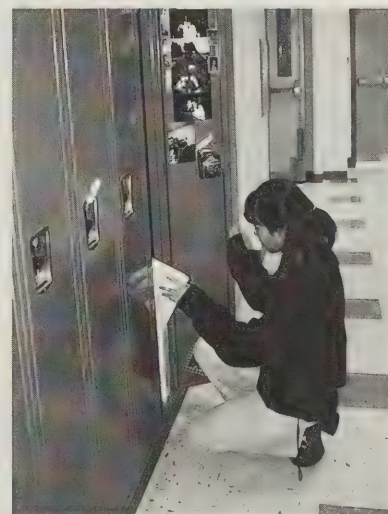
**Better**

"The lockers here were a lot better than any other school I've been to. As far as lockers go, this year was the best," said Heather Johnson. Remember hoping that the width of the lockers had increased dramatically, daily fearing that a book would fall on a friend's head, and dreaming of the perfect locker? Well, sometimes dreams do come true. As Emily Hunter said, "We've hit the jackpot!"

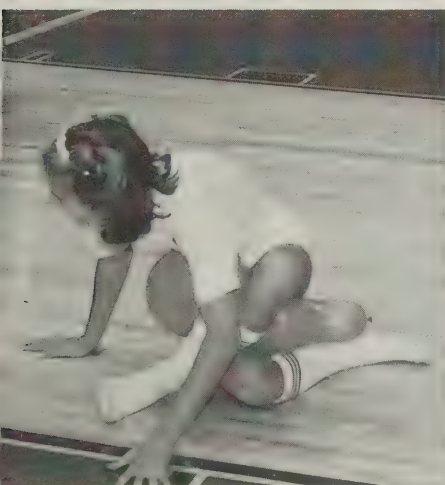
"My locker is actually a foot taller than me!" exclaimed Kenneth Gary. The lockers were a change for everyone and a huge improvement. They were 70 inches tall, 12 inches wide, and 11 inches deep.

Along with the extra space came a safer environment for students, since no one had to worry about falling books. "I didn't get any bumps or bruises on my head this year!" said Zach Childers.

"The lockers here were much better. When my hands are full I just drop everything, and I don't worry about hurting anyone," said Tommy George. The lockers were a huge hit! *By Linda Wesley*



After school on a December afternoon, junior Kelly Burcham searches through her locker for her English book. *Photo by Nichole Jones*



Junior Mimi Couns tries to pop a balloon without using her hands during the Newcoming pep rally. Couns had to race down the court with the balloon in between her knees and then pop it before the other classes did. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*



# *class of two-thousand two*

With one year behind us,  
and some experience under our belts,  
we Sophomores took a step up the ladder  
and established our niche.

As we played Powder Puff football  
and cheered on the sidelines,  
we realized that we

were ready to make a change because we  
were upperclassmen this year.

We jumped in head first, and  
We snatched up the opportunities  
given to us

as we perfected our  
three-point turns and  
parallel parking in Behind the Wheel,  
took Drivers' Ed. notes,  
and danced the night away at Prom.

By the end of the year,  
We were soon-to-be Juniors,

feeling relieved to be  
halfway through high school  
and halfway up the ladder.

The true title "upperclassmen"  
that we had longed for and earned  
awaited us  
in the year to follow,  
and we were ready for another step up.

by Kelly Burcham and Michelle Fabie







**Linked in laughter.** Throwing her head back and letting out a laugh, sophomore Melanie Reese prepares to participate in a Spirit Week pep rally relay. Reese and her fellow sophomores, chosen by the cheerleaders as being the most spirited, linked arms and tried to stand up at the same time. They competed against the fifteen most spirited students from the junior and freshmen classes. The relay was won by the juniors. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*

**Back in time.** During the Newcoming float parade, sophomore Holly Whitfield and a fellow classmate take a trip back in time acting as waitresses in a 50's pop shop. The sophomore class float represented the 50's era and included a juke box, poodle skirts, and a 50's style car. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



**Just one of the girls.** During the Powder Puff football game on October 29, sophomore cheerleaders take time to show off their feminine side. Donned in lipstick, stockings, and even wigs, the boys encouraged the sophomore girls as they battled the juniors. *Photo courtesy of R. Fabie*





# Sophomore officers collaborated and worked together

## As One

Campaigning was hard work. Unfortunately for those who ran for class office, the work and dedication only paid off for a few. Some people tried to make it easier on themselves by working with others and

dividing up the work.

Sophomore class vice president, Amber Romero, said, "Campaigning with Ashley [Reeves] and Michelle [Fabie] was sort of a group decision. We agreed we would get in a lot more campaigning because we would have three people hanging posters and working together to achieve a wanted goal."

Romero and her group worked well together, but not all did. Sophomore class

treasurer Danielle Turner said "I had enough trouble taking care of myself, let alone someone else."

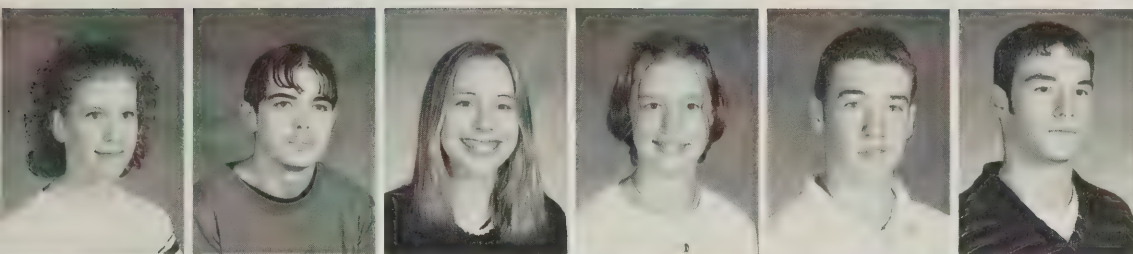
In the end, everything worked out for all these students, and as their class's officers, they were ready to get down to work. *By Courtney Paskanik*



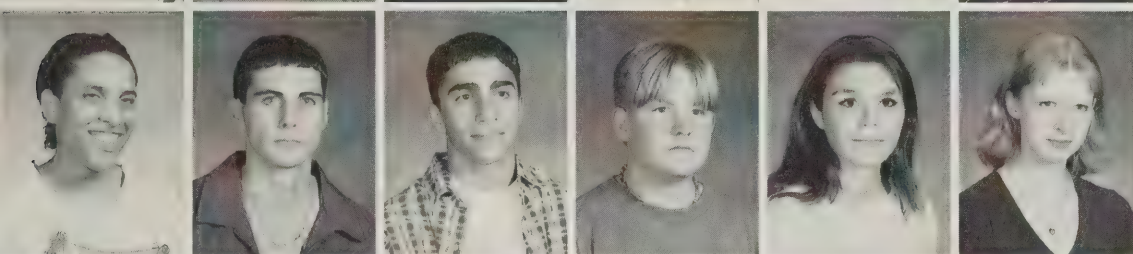
Sophomore class treasurer Danielle Turner waits anxiously in the cafeteria to hear the results of the election. *Photo by Courtney Paskanik*







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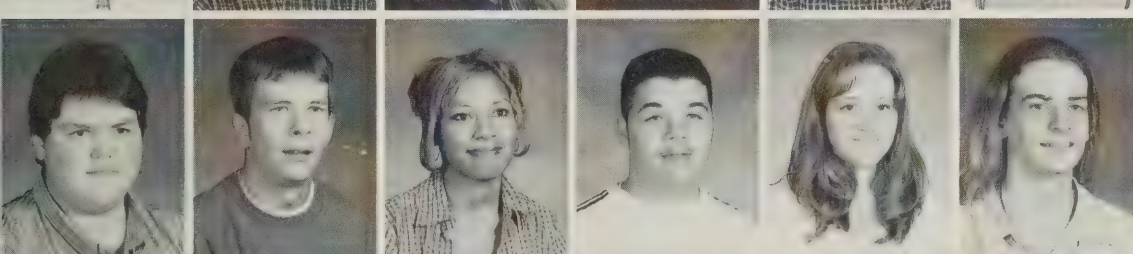
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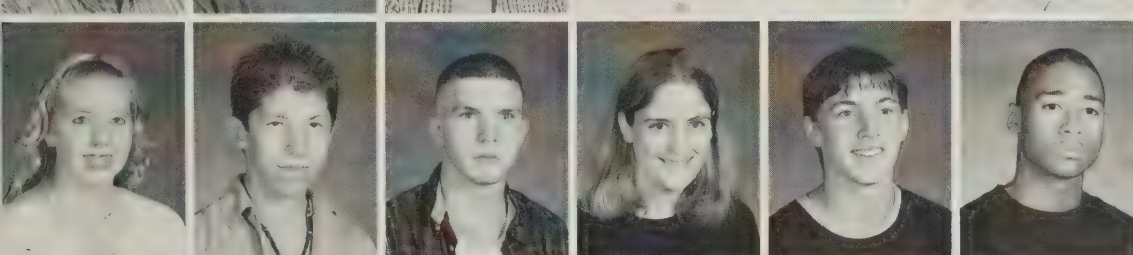
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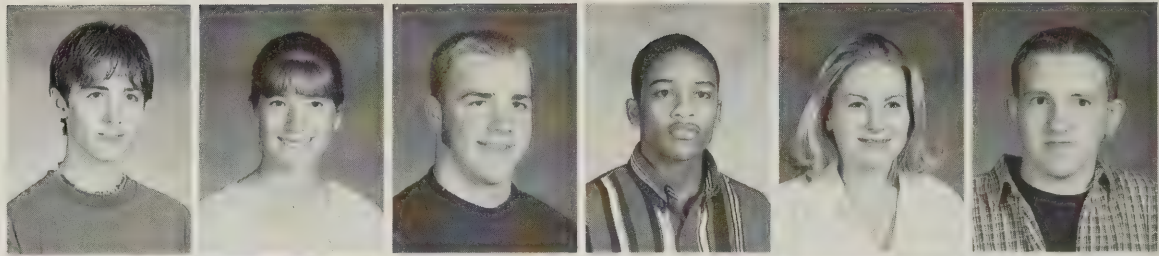
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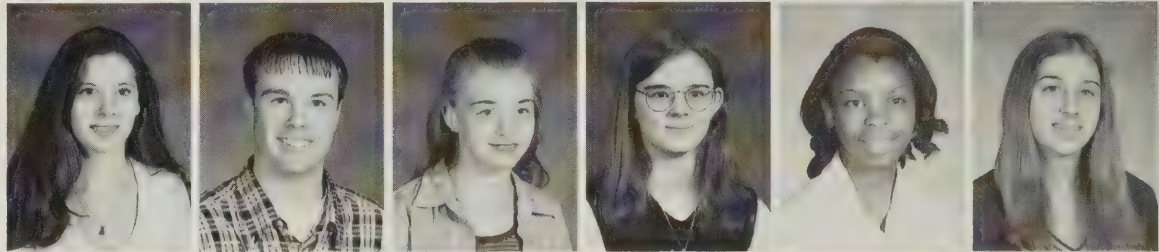
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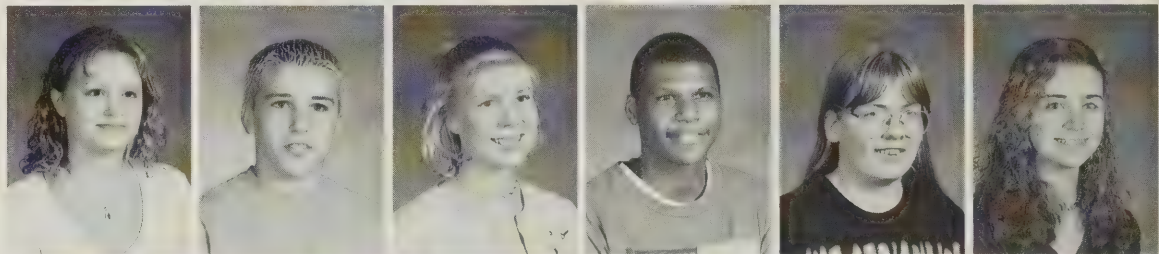
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 Bryan Kerr  
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# Students take on the challenge of

# The Game

"When you're involved in something, you manage to find a few extra hours here and there, I suppose," said sophomore John Stevens. Stevens played golf for school and managed to find time to play ice hockey on the weekends, practicing on Saturdays and playing games on Sundays.

Other students, such as Cat Babbie, participated in an out-of-school sport during the summer, when free time was more available.

"It would be great if I could kayak during the school year," Babbie said, "but school kind of gets in the way."

Most students kept pressing on. Sophomore Kevin Gray weight-lifted after school and enrolled in a weight-lifting class as a part of his schedule.

While the pressures of school may have interfered with a student's life, many were able to devote time to out-of-school sports as well. As Gray said, "Go hard, or don't go at all." *By Nichole Jones*



John Stevens waits for the game to continue during a hockey tournament in Virginia Beach. *Photo courtesy of John Stevens*

Jennifer Hodges  
Kristin Hoffman  
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Troy Hudson  
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Sharisa Korth  
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Michael Lavoie



## Parents at school leave students

# Unphased

*I*magine being under the eyes of your parents all day long . . . even at school. By chance, some students attended the same school where one of their parents worked.

An exception was Chris Martin, son of Dr. Martin, who chose to be at school with his mother. He transferred because "It was a new school and a fresh start."

And while Jessica Lam's mother, Mrs. Gray, worked in the main office, Jessica saw this as

an advantage: "I like having my mom at school because I can always get money from her."

The school's newness and financial benefits seemed to overshadow the fact that some parents were at school. While some may have seen this as a problem, these students remained unphased. *By Michelle Fabie*



Before the first bell of the day on a December morning, sophomore Chris Martin goes over his plans for the day with his mother, Dr. Lisa Martin. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*



Before heading to her first period, sophomore Jessica Lam stops in to have a word with her mother, Mrs. Suzanna Gray. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*







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Melissa Lehman  
Alin Leu  
David Lewis  
Theron Lockett  
Jessica Locklear  
James Loppe  
Cody Magargal



Tara Marciniak  
Jennifer Marietta  
Christopher Martin  
Cruz Martinez  
Anne Martz  
Ashley Mast  
Frank Masters  
Steven Mastrangelo



Jamal Matthews  
Kevin McGray  
Dennis McHale  
Martin Melvin  
Samantha Merkley  
Amy Messer  
Willie Miller  
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Nicholas Minor  
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Natalie Reck  
Melanie Reese



**When out  
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evening,  
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# Curfew's

"How am I supposed to have any fun when I have to be home at 10:30?" complained sophomore Michael Robertson. "Not to mention that I have to stay in the house on weekdays!" Michael was one of many students who thought their curfews were just too strict.

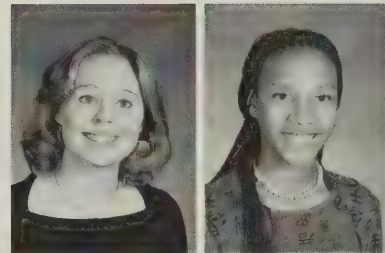


"I love having a curfew as late as I want it," sophomore Lyssa Bridges said, coming home just after dawn. *Photo by Leigh Harris*

Some students, however, didn't mind their curfews. "I think that midnight on weekends and 9:00 on weekdays is pretty reasonable," said sophomore Ashley Vamosiee.

Sophomore Steve Mastrangelo said, "Mine is 1:00 A.M., but I never stay out that late anyway, so it doesn't bother me."

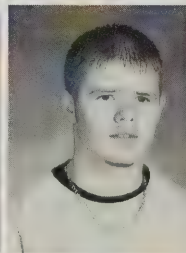
Then there were students who didn't have curfews. "My parents and I worked out a good compromise; if I checked in every hour, then I could stay out as late as I wanted. I was pretty happy with that!" exclaimed sophomore Lyssa Bridges. Sophomore Josh Henderson asked, "Curfew, what's that?" *By Andrea Borella*



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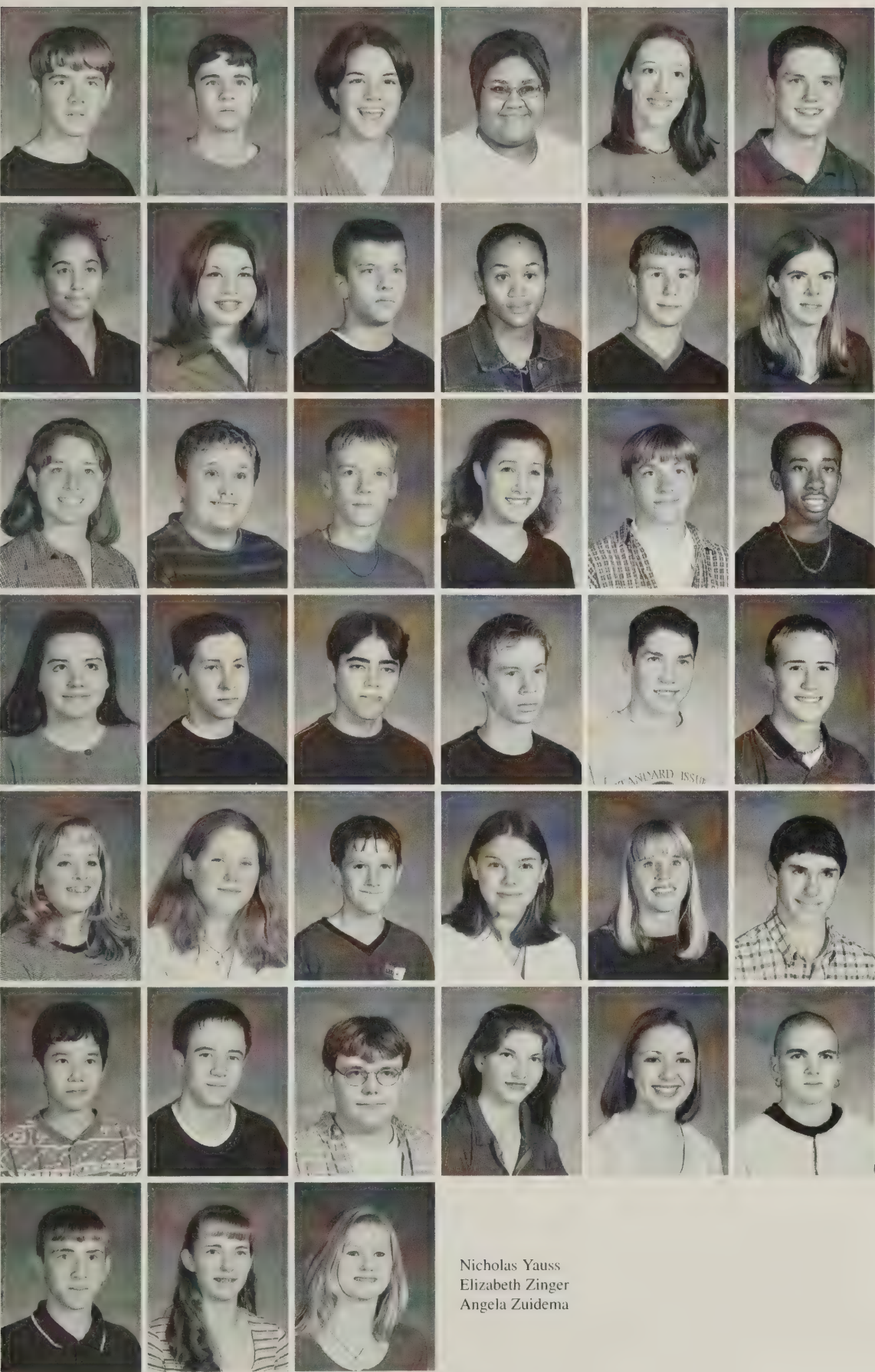
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Elizabeth Zinger  
Angela Zuidema



# *class of two-thousand three*

**Feeling apprehensive,**  
yet eager and willing,  
**we Freshmen took to the sky,**  
spread our wings,  
**and tested the wind.**

Dressing up and dancing  
**At our first Newcoming,**  
showing our spirit at  
**our first pep rally, and**  
playing as a team during  
**our first varsity game,**

we made our memories and  
**we discovered what high school was about.**

Fearing the mazes of hallways,  
**Battling upperclassmen,**  
dreading the loads of homework,  
**and conquering our freshmen fears,**  
we worked our way up the ladder, and  
**we navigated through our First Flight.**

by Kelly Burcham





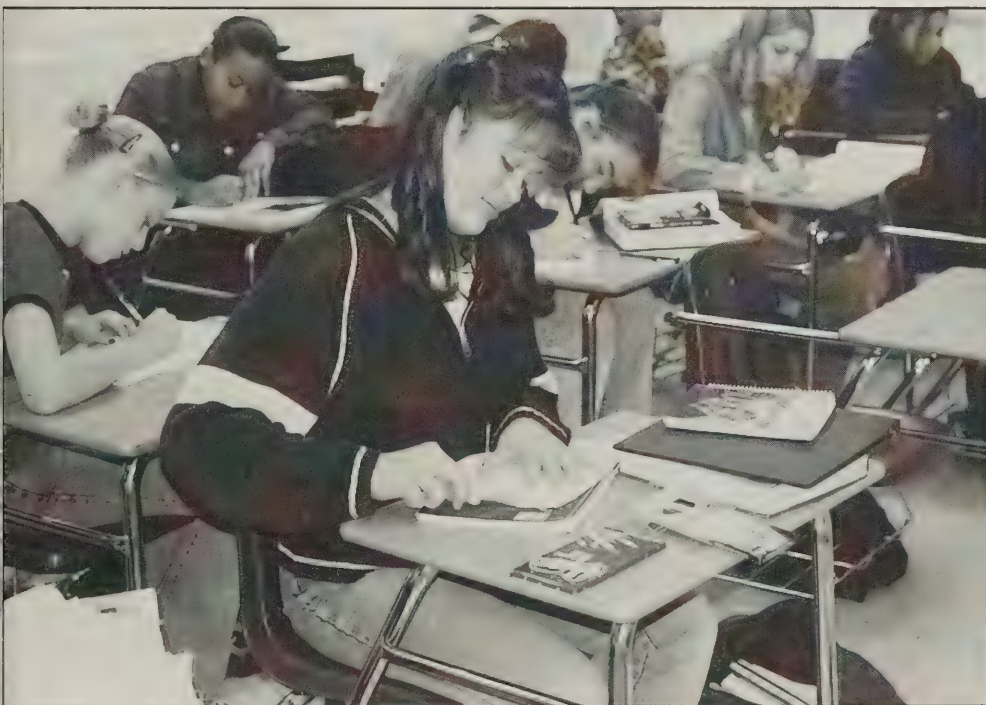


**Big smiles.** Bearing grins and school spirit, freshmen students carry a prop during the Newcoming float parade with the help of their sponsor, Mrs. Bonnie Snyder. The freshmen represented the 20's during Newcoming week, and students danced the Charleston, dressed up like gangsters. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

**Fears of falling.** Representing the freshmen class on the Newcoming court, Bobby Neal and Lindsay Elie stand on the football field. Neal said, "I was so nervous at first. I was afraid I was going to trip and fall on the field." *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



**New school.** Sitting in Mr. Craig Carlson's fourth period World History class, freshman Rachel Deffenbaugh colors a map of Europe. "I was kind of scared, coming from a private school to a public one," she said, "but the people here made me feel welcome." *Photo by Brittany Trant*

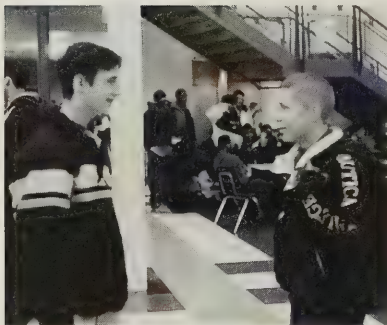




**Getting  
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# New Faces

Campaigning was unusually hard for the freshmen class. President Bo Trant explained, "The hardest part was getting people [from other schools] to know my name and what I was running for." Freshman candidates had to make themselves known to other students from five different middle schools just to have a chance at winning.



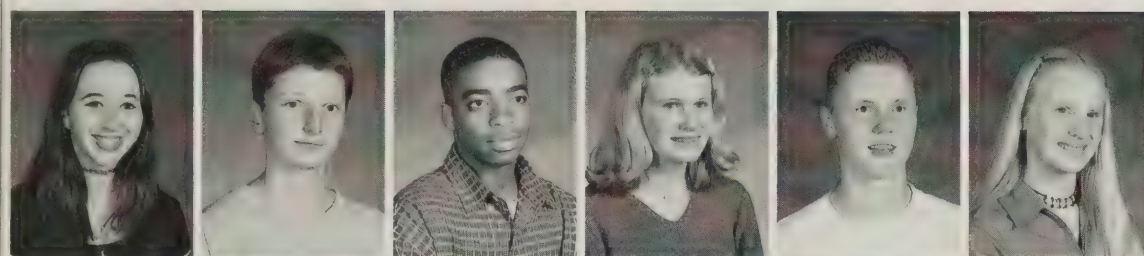
Class president Bo Trant talks to vice-president Ben Nason in the morning before school. The two discussed an upcoming meeting. *Photo by Courtney Paskanik*

Treasurer Travis Benson said, "It was frustrating, trying to convince people to vote for you. They all wanted vote for the people who came from their middle school." Vice-President Ben Nason said, "It was hard enough to come into this huge new school and meet people, let alone convince them to vote for you."

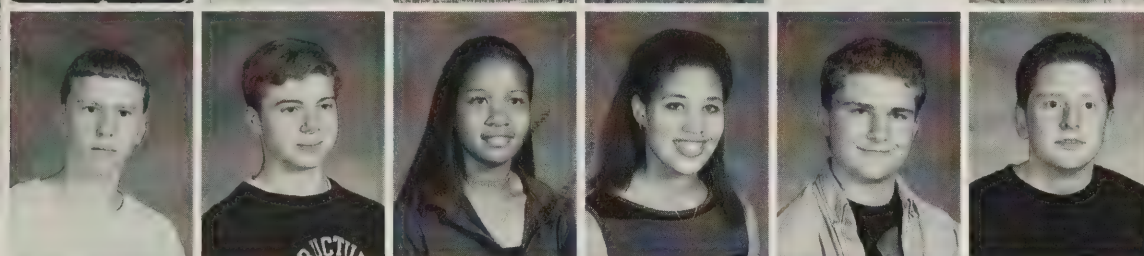
Despite this problem, it seemed that the students who came across to the new faces came out on top, and it all paid off for the four freshmen that earned positions as class officers. "One thing is for sure," said Reporter Kerriann Galloway. "Next year, campaigning will be a lot easier because the new faces will be a lot more familiar." *By Courtney Paskanik*







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Marcus Allen  
Amanda Andrews  
William Andrews  
Leanna Argyle



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Brandon Ballow  
Philip Banks  
Stephanie Barrett  
Michelle Bartenfelder  
Travis Barton  
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Thomas Bloomer  
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Jennifer Boner  
Craig Bouck  
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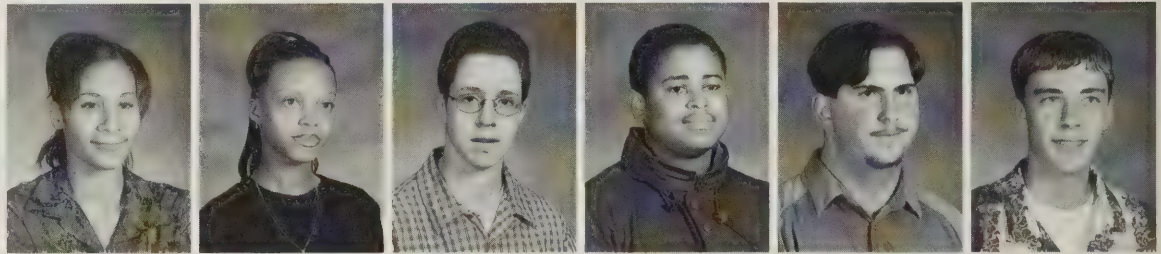
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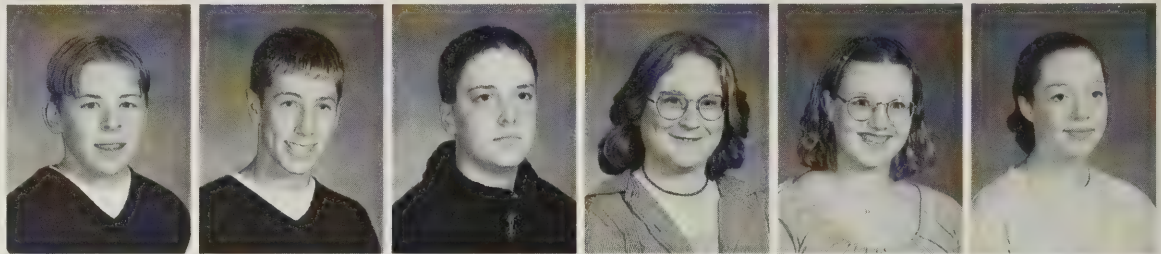
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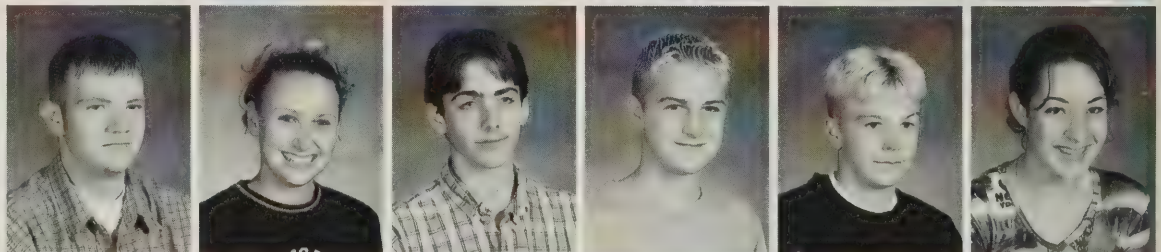
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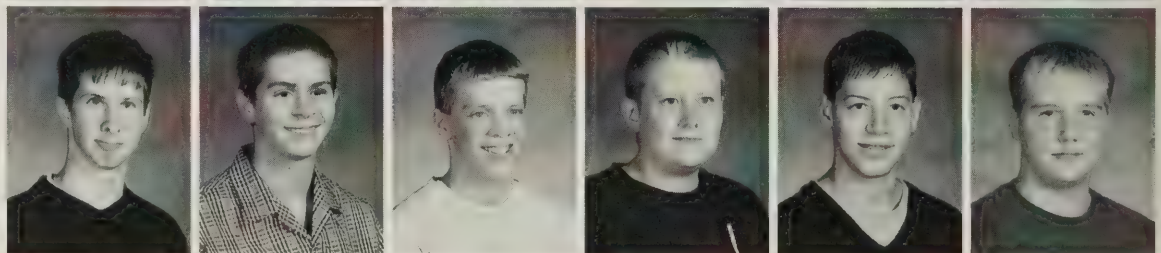
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**Freshmen  
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# Frightening

*F*reshmen seemed to have many misconceptions of high school before they entered.

"My biggest fear was being bullied by all the upperclassmen," said Sarah Hall. "Me too," Stephanie Seger agreed, "but luckily it never happened."

"Freshmen always got stuffed into lockers on TV, and since I'm so small, I was sure it was going to happen to me," said Felicia Williams.

Another fear that was familiar to the freshmen was getting lost in a huge school. "My middle school was half the size of this one! I thought I would never find my way around," exclaimed Karie Wysocki. Erin Ridout added, "All the hallways look exactly alike."

Freshmen agreed that the thought of high school put many fears in their heads. In the end, however, all of the fears turned out to be false. Colin Whitmore said, "I thought high school was going to be scary, but now all of my fears are gone." *By Linda Wesley*



Tugging at her arms, juniors Beth Williams and Shannon Mudd jokingly try to shove freshman Amanda Andrews into a locker.  
*Photo by Linda Wesley*





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# Lunch Lines

**A**w, lunch. The time when friends get together and discuss the classes before and weekend plans after.

Darryl Sacach rushed from his Spanish class to get to the third lunch shift. "I'm really hungry by the end of the day, so I run to the lunch line. By the time I get there, the lines are full."

Jo Moore agreed, "I stand in line for about ten minutes; by the time I get my food, lunch is almost over." On the other hand, some students brought their lunch, like Paul Bleu, "My dad used to pack



As Jo Moore squirts ketchup onto her lunch tray, Christen Itam steals a french fry from her friend. Photo by Leigh Harris

my lunch, but now I get up an extra couple minutes so I can pack my usual lunch. It's pretty good, and it gives me more time to finish my homework and talk to more friends."

No matter when students got to the cafeteria or what they ate, they seemed to always be rushing

around. by Leigh Harris



"I don't like the school food much, so I bring my own," said Erik Clancy. Others agreed that bringing the brown bag avoided time spent in the long lines. Photo by Leigh Harris







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Stephen French  
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Suzanne Gallimore  
Kerriann Galloway  
Ashleigh George  
Jessica Giles  
Julie Giles



Melissa Giordano  
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Joshua Gleason  
Tyler Godfrey  
Heather Goding  
Jillian Golas  
Jennifer Gold



Joseph Goll  
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Nicholas Grontas  
Hollie Groves  
Richard Guerrieri  
William Guillorn  
Benjamin Haas



George Hall  
Sarah Hall  
Amanda Hardbower  
Tiara Harris  
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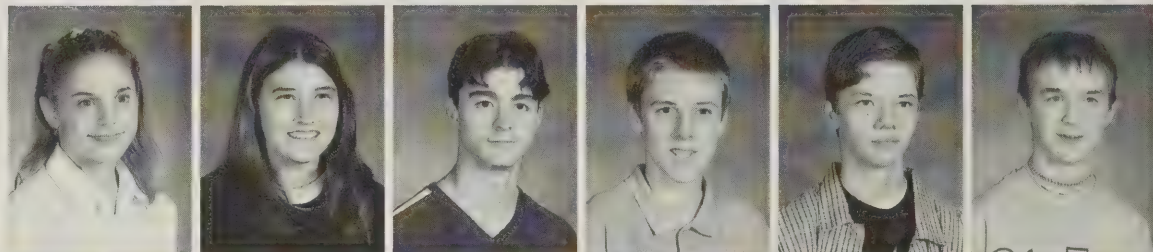
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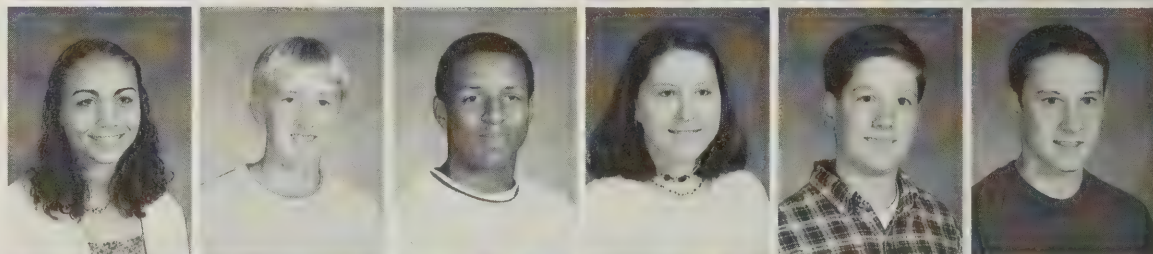
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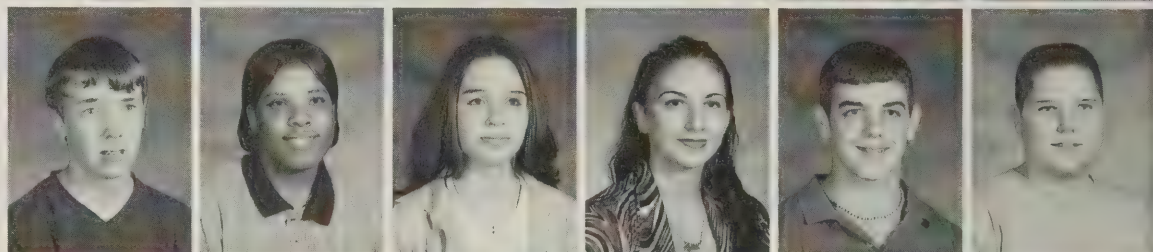
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**Painful and  
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# Worth It?

*W*hen they're on, they hurt—a real pain! But when they're off—a new smile! Some students knew braces were definitely “worth it because afterwards you get to have a beautiful smile and perfect teeth!” said Raelynn Johnson.

Other students, such as Fred Wilkins, disagreed: “I don't think they are worth it! You



In sixth grade Connie Soloyna got her braces on. “They were frustrating when I had to bring a toothbrush every time I went out to eat.” *Photo by Andrea Borella*

have to pay \$10,000 for a person to cement metal sheets and wire to all your teeth when only a couple are out of alignment. Then you have to pay even more money if you need surgery to remove a baby tooth. Plus you are limited to what you can eat for the

next three years or so.”

Sometimes students split it down the middle. “Food would always get stuck in them, but you look much better with straight teeth,” said Kristen Phillips.

Expensive? A pain?

Definitely! Worth it? Maybe.

*By Andrea Borella*



Showing off her new smile as a freshman, Soloyna said, “It's great! You feel more confident and have a pretty smile.” *Photo by Andrea Borella*



## Freshmen scored when they played

# A Step Up

With no seniors, many teams didn't have enough athletes trying out for coaches to make cuts. Therefore, experienced freshmen received the honor of being varsity members. Freshmen were happy to get the extra year of varsity play.

Field hockey player Cherelle Yates not only got a chance to play a step up, but she took advantage of that opportunity to score the Eagle's first goal against Liberty. "It was exciting to be a

freshman on varsity and to receive my letter," said Yates.

Brandon McKenney was the starting quarterback for football. He went on to receive the MVP award at the end of the season. "Playing three varsity games took the pressure off

playing the JV games," said McKenney about the season. *By Michelle Fabie*



Relieved to be done with another day of field hockey practice, Cherelle Yates is urged to hurry up by fellow team mate, Bianca Levine. *Photo by Nichole Jones*



During a long day of heat and football at an H.H. Poole summer practice, Brandon McKenney and James Davis wait in line to get water. *Photo by Nichole Jones*







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Brandon Parris  
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Aaron Phipps  
David Porter  
Michael Porter  
Marion Preda

Jessica Preston  
Jessie Purshock  
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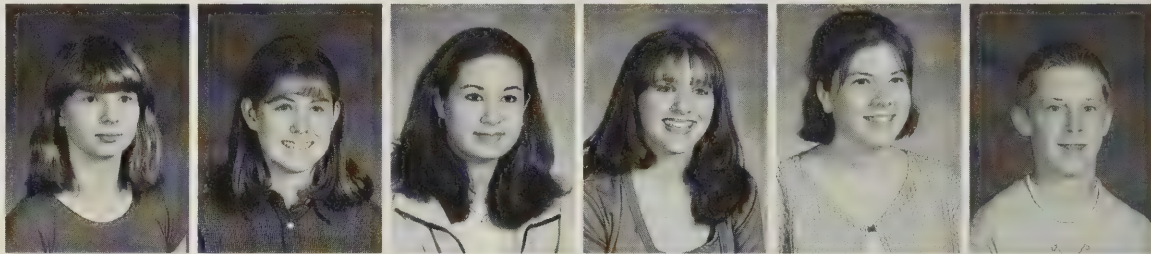
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# Heavy Load

**B**ackpacks became a disability for many students. They weighed down and slowed down the wearers, often making them late for class. Backpacks were a burden on students, seen carrying backpacks two times their size, hunched over in a desperate attempt to maintain a sense of balance.

Suzie Wiley said, "I usually have to carry my book bag and all my books around all day because I don't have enough time to go to my locker."

On the other hand, Jack Zawora said, "I only wear my backpack for

about half the day. When I don't have to, I shove it in my locker. It only takes a minute."

"Even with only one text book it's enough to break my back," claimed Shannon Reynolds.

Either way, backpacks were a pain, both figuratively and literally. They weighed students down and gave them back aches, yet most students managed to bear the heavy load.

*By Nichole Jones*



Carrying her heavy backpack, Jessica Light pauses for a moment to readjust her backpack straps. *Photo by Nichole Jones*

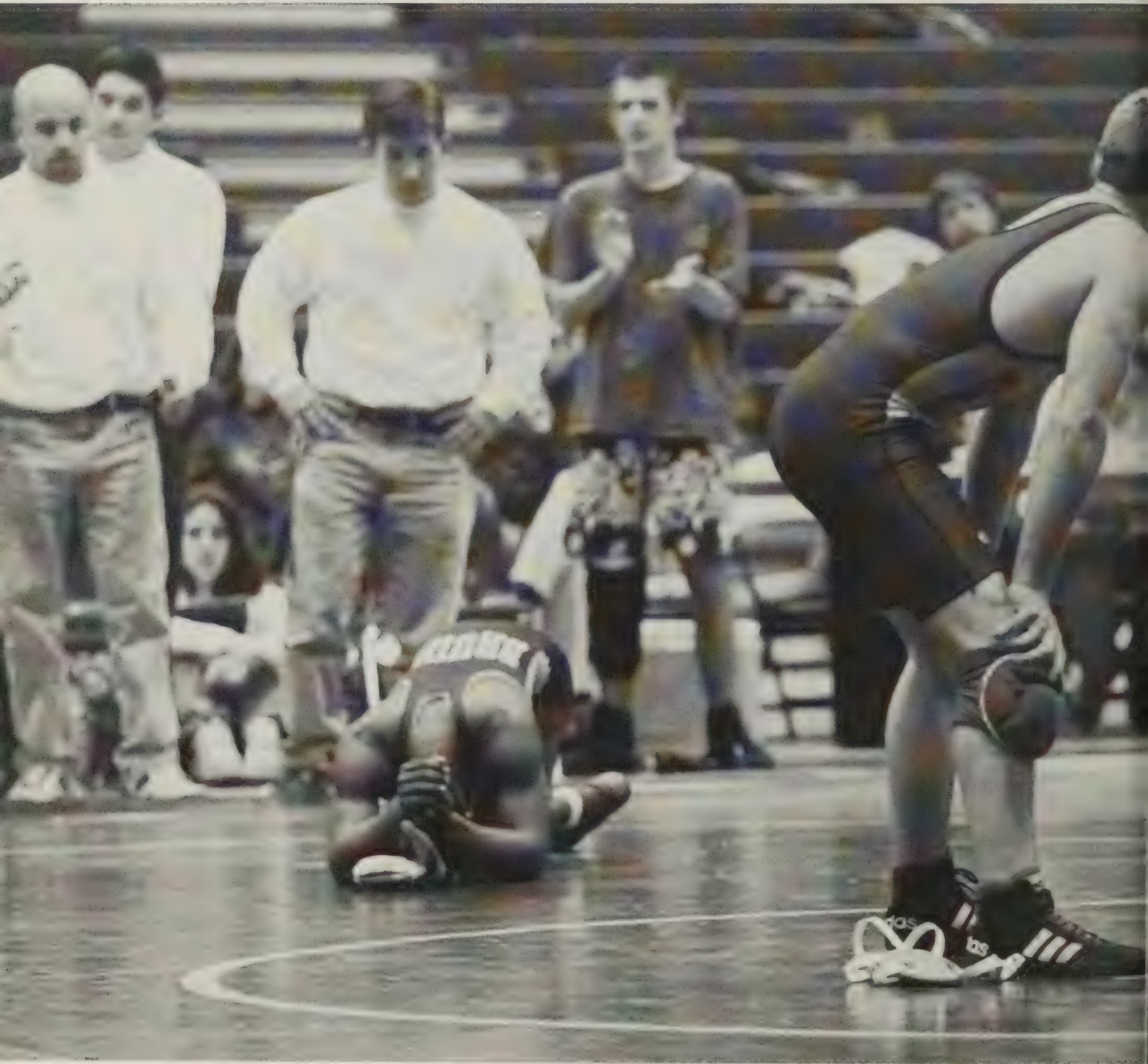


Amy Webb and Megan Schmitt wear their backpacks high and low. Freshmen tried to make the best out of their weighty backpacks and be as comfortable as they could. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*





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## Young Teams



"It has been really hard without any seniors because they are the ones who the younger team members look up to for guidance," said sophomore Kristin Bryant, a varsity volleyball and basketball player. The lack of seniors proved to be a challenge for our young teams.

Despite the disadvantage, our varsity girls' volleyball team had a winning record and defeated all three county rivals. Our football team went undefeated in league play with a record of 7 and 0. Junior Akemi Parker and freshman Michelle Collier each broke district records in swimming. The cheerleaders won the "Top Team" trophy at their



summer camp. Junior Mimi Couns took first in the district for pole vault. Sophomore Kyle Graham placed third at the state wrestling championship after collecting district and regional titles. Even without a senior class, we proved to be an athletic force.

*By Brittany Trant*

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**Champion.** Freshman Michelle Collier leads the way as she swims to a first place finish in the 500 free. Collier set district records in the 500 free, 5:33.34, and the 100 breast, 1:11.73. *Photo courtesy of The Free Lance-Star*

**Victorious.** Sophomore Kyle Graham stands and waits for his defeated opponent at the end of his match. Graham defeated Western Branch in overtime, 7-5, going 3-0 in the quad on January 29. *Photo by Brittany Trant*



# FOOTBALL

## VARSITY

Forrestville:  
3-58

Broad Run:  
20-26

Brentsville:  
6-36

## JV

Fauquier: 13-0

James Wood:  
40-6

North Stafford:  
28-14

Sherando:  
14-0

Culpeper:  
22-8

Stafford:  
39-6

Brooke Point:  
34-6

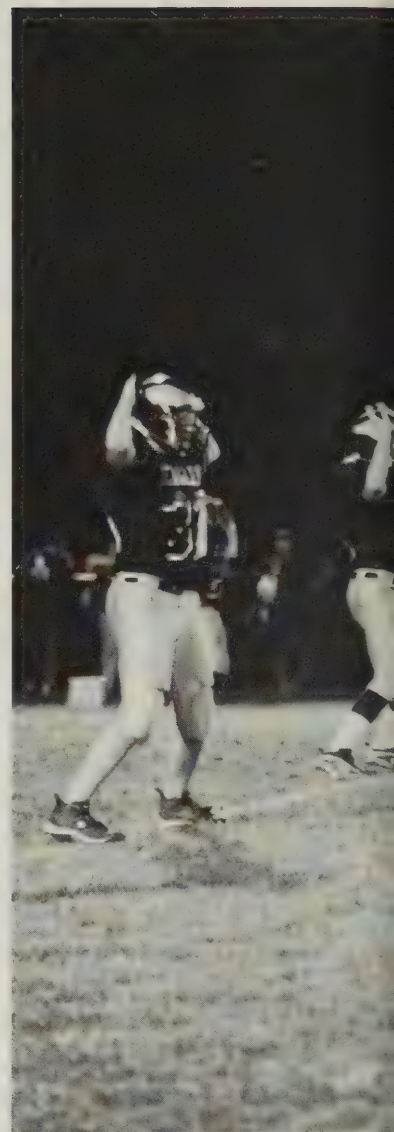
**TEAM TACKLE . .** During the Newcoming Game on October 24 the defense crushed the competition. The offensive line also played a great game scoring 39 points over Stafford's 6, for the win. Junior Adam Brownback reflected on the game, "We dominated Stafford." *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

**GET READY FOR THE BIG SHOW. . .** In preparation for the Newcoming game, the football team does their jumping jack portion of the pre-game warm-up. This was important because players couldn't go on the field with cold muscles; that would increase the chance of injury. *Photo by Kelly Burcham.*

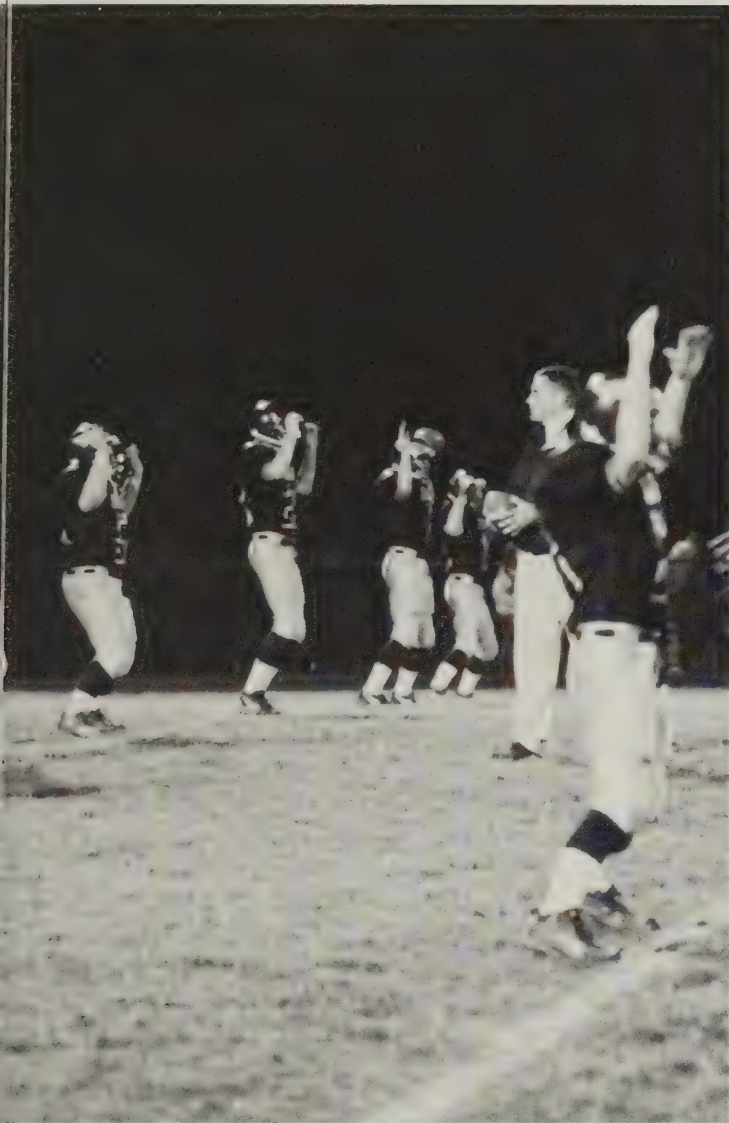


**GET IT TOGETHER. .** The day before each game was a time for the team to perfect their skills for the upcoming game. These practices were held on the football field instead of the field at H.H.Poole, where the team usually practiced. Each player had to dress in their uniform for the full game experience. *Photo by Morgan Crandall*

**AND IT'S GOOD. . .** Junior kicker #2 Tony Levine had a lot to remember from the first season. In the September 3 game against Forrestville, he kicked a 28 yard field goal for the team's first points. As Levine explained, "The hardest thing I had to do this season was keep accuracy on long range field goals." *Photo by Kelly Burcham*







# ONE FOR THE BOOKS

"We were successful this season. It was a good first step," stated junior cornerback #10, Mike McTighe. His teammate, junior wide receiver and defensive back #11, Mark Major added, "I thought we did great for a first-year team."

After devastating defeats in the first three varsity games against Forestville, Broad Run, and Brentsville, the football team didn't let these losses interfere with their playing. They went into their first JV game with a positive attitude. Sophomore linebacker and fullback #40, Chuck "The Truck" Brown stated, "Going into the JV season, I was excited because I knew we'd start winning some games. We were really coming together as a team by that point."

The team started off the JV season with victories over Fauquier (13-0) and James Wood (40-7), and crushed the remaining competition, winning all seven of the JV games. They ended their first season with a record of 7-3.

Although the team was happy with the way the season went, they can't help but look forward to their performance next year. Junior offensive and defensive lineman #51, Justin Stonehill said, "I think we'll have a dominant season next year because we aren't losing any seniors."

*By Lauren Griswold*



## 1ST

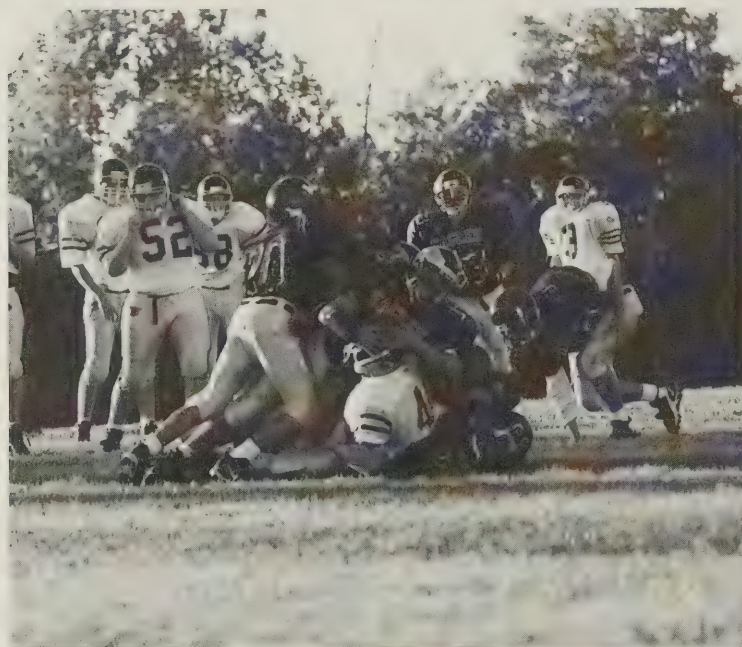
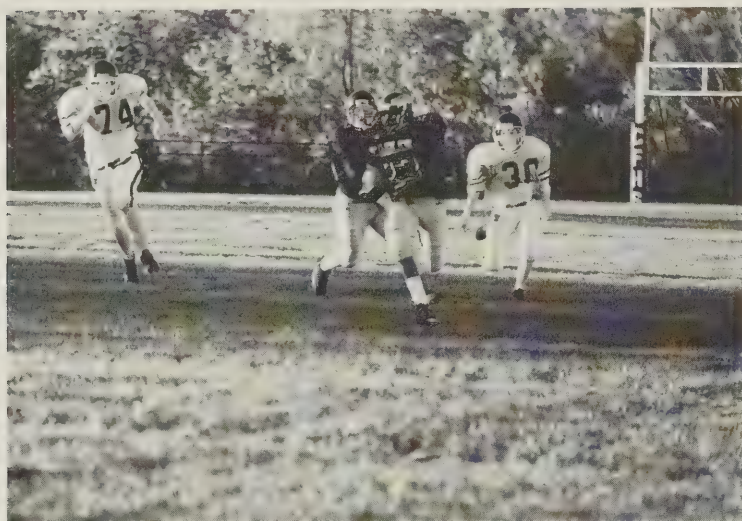
The first time the football team won, was on September 24. It was a home game against the Fauquier Falcons. The Eagles shut-out the Falcons 13-0.

**FRESHMAN/ JV/ VARSITY FOOTBALL:** **FRONT ROW:** Sam Johnson, Cory West, Howard Owens, Paul Bleau, Bobby Hensel, Wilson Heflin, Andre Clark, Makius Carabai, Chuck Fitzgerald, Chris Morris, Kenneth Zahn. **ROW 2:** Philip Banks, Kenny Stover, Joe Fuller, Donny Bochart, Jon Sowers, Kris Nash, Jason Sullivan, Robert Meisner, Jack Zawora, Kenny Bockert, Tyler Godfrey, Terrell Cole, Sean Hill. **ROW 3:** Coach Mark Doherty, Chris Crawford, Mike Kopf, Jimmy Donahue, Tom Bloomer, Dwayne Beach, Nate Sudbeck, David Shuford, Shannon Speelman, David Castillega, Marcus Allen, Matt Bennett, Aaron Phipps, Coach Mark Black. **ROW 4:** Coach Billy Lewis, Matt Moody, Deonte Cox, Brandon Eubank, Bobby Neal, Brandon McKenney, Ken McCabe, Todd Curtis, Jason Dodd, Justin Thompson, Craig Bouck, Jake Burrows, Coach Bill Swink. **ROW 5:** Coach Jack Ferrick, Bo Trant, Tony Levine, Justin Mendez, Todd Curtis, Rob Rankin, Joe Baker, Zack Belcher, John Conley, Steven Doebl, Steve Kitchen, John Irby, Coach Ed Smith. **ROW 6:** Coach Hal Buckwalter, Sean Dare, Matt Loving, Paul Bleau, Mike McTighe, Josh Coy, Andre Clark, Ryan Wallis, Robert Corwin, Daniel Wasson, Coach Karl Buckwalter. **ROW 7:** John Irby, John Carey, Adam Husn, Chris Fulmer, Chuck Brown, George Hall. **ROW 8:** Justin Stonehill, James Davis, Brandon Jackson, Matt Brethaver, Reggie Davis.



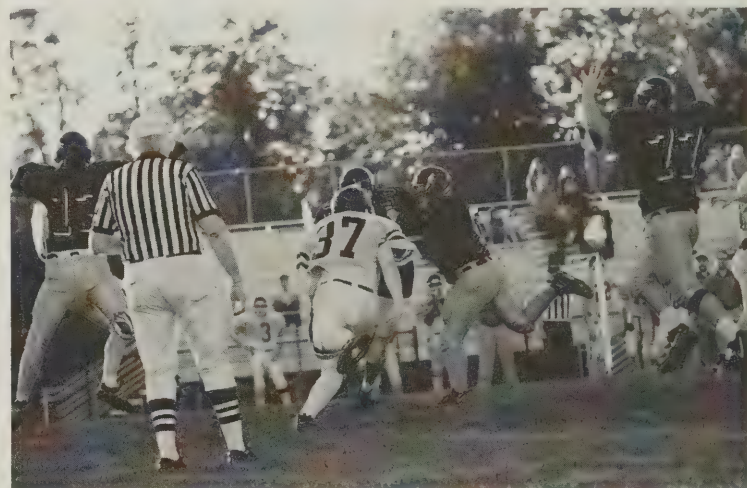
**HICK.** . . The freshman football team prepares their offense to run one of the many plays they learned throughout the season. Freshman #46 Robert Corwin said, "Offensively we were strong this season, but we still have many things to perfect." *Photo by Kevin Dodson*

**SPRINTING AHEAD.** . . Freshman #23 Sean Hill clutches the ball tightly as he sprinted toward the endzone in the October 20 game against Culpeper. His fellow teammate guards him closely as Culpeper's defense struggles to catch up. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



**PILE UP.** . . The team's defensive line piles on Culpeper's offense, blocking a field goal from being scored. Freshman Kenneth Zahn said, "The hardest part of playing defense is the fear that you might mess up." *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

**WIDE OPEN.** . . Freshman #77 George Hall jumps up to signal his teammate in distress to pass him the ball. Freshman #31 Jimmy Donohue commented, "Passing an accurate and perfect spiral requires a lot of practice." *Photo by Kevin Dodson*



**1ST**

The first touchdown for the freshman football team was scored by Shawn Hill at the September 24 game against Fauquier.





# ASPIRE AND PERSPIRE

THE freshman football team had a challenging season, winning only two of their games. Their dedication and hard work were what allowed for such a challenging yet successful season. Justin Thompson #55 said, "The season was a challenge for all of us, but we had many successes."

Even though they hit a few bumps along the way, they took their first season to be a good learning experience. Marcus Allen #37 said, "We know what to do next year, and we are learning from all of our experiences. We are going to have a great season next year based on what we know now."

The team practiced everyday after school from 2:35-5:30, but their season started long before September 7th. In August, players endured long practices in the hot sun, lasting from 7 a.m to 12 p.m. Despite a couple of breaks for rest and early lunch, consisting of McDonald's or lunches brought from home, Chuck Fitzgerald #51 stated, "Summer practices were the worst because we had to get up early, and they lasted all day. But practicing early in the season paid off."

Ryan Wallis #19 said, "One of our goals was to beat our rivals North Stafford. They bragged a lot, but we really showed them." *By Ashley Reeves*



**A BIT OF ADVICE...** Before stepping onto the field, freshman football Coach Don Casias, gathered his starting players to give them some last minute advice. Coach Casias said, "I always tried to remind the players of the best strategies to use on the field." *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

## FRESHMEN FOOTBALL

Fauquier: 6-42 James Wood: 6-8 North Stafford: 15-0 Sherando: 12-21

Culpeper: 18-32 Stafford: 24-12 Brooke Point: 21-42

Team Record: 2-5



# BUMP, SET, SPIKE!

THE first team victory at Colonial Forge was accomplished by the girls' varsity volleyball team. The girls defeated county rival, Stafford, 3 to 1.

The volleyball team started off and finished up strong. However, the team did have their share of hardships. Playing a new sport at a new school brought on mixed emotions. Junior middle blocker #17, Erin Millbaugh explained, "Since this was my first year ever playing, just learning what to do was hard." Junior defensive specialist #19, Beth Williams commented on another hardship the team struggled with: "The hardest thing is even though we're a new sport like everyone else, we have no seniors, so the leadership and spirit had to come from the other members." There were little moments in the season that helped the team forget about all the nervousness with some embarrassing moments, as Jennifer Bloomer explained. "I was chasing a ball that was going out of bounds, and I ran full force into the scoring table. The two girls keeping score had open soda bottles, and they spilled all over the place!"

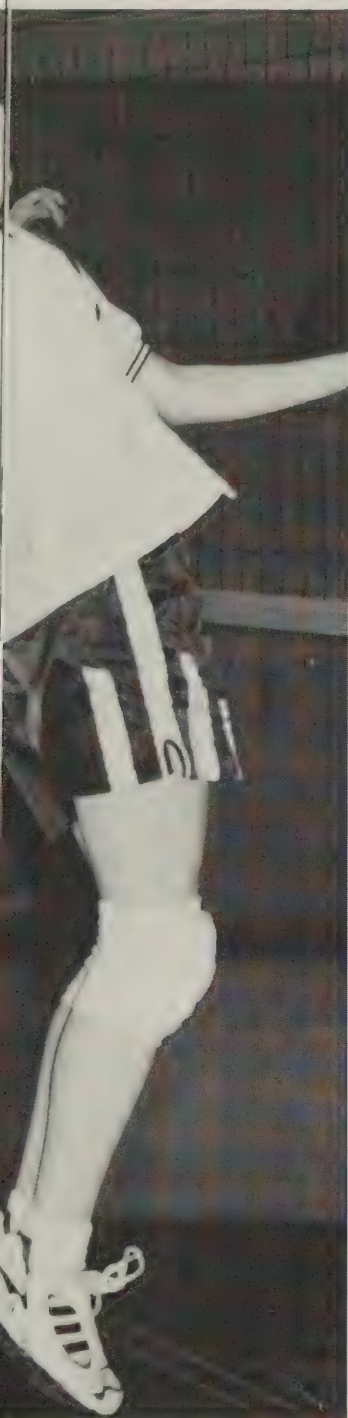
Freshman setter #11 Kristen Kern summed up the major unifying factor the team had at the end of the season: "Being the first to win, the first volleyball team ever, and belonging to a brand new school really makes us the first of the first of the first!" *By Joanne Gold*



**JV/VARSITY VOLLEYBALL:** FRONT ROW: Sarah Hall, Jessica Giles, Michelle Durbin, Megan Dickinson, Jessica House, Beth Williams, Taryn Buce. SECOND ROW: Shelby Palmore, Kristen Kern, Heather Benson, Jennifer Marietta, Jennifer Fulmer, Kristen Bryant, Elizabeth Glad. BACK ROW: Coach Deidre Walker, Jennifer Gold, Erin Millbaugh, Jennie Thomas, Emily Akers, Jennifer Bloomer, Rachel Herriot, Coach Mark Walker.







**EVERYBODY JUMP...** Juniors Heather Benson, Jennifer Bloomer, and Jessica House jump up simultaneously in a mock block during warm-ups before a game. Sophomore Jennifer Fulmer commented, "The hardest things about playing volleyball are blocking and passing hard serves." However, despite the difficulties the volleyball team performed with poise. *Photo by Brittany Trant*

**HEADS UP...** During the game, freshman Megan Dickinson lunges forward preparing to hit a hard serve. Hitting hard and accurate serves was a lot harder than most people thought, as freshman Sarah Hall explained, "A lot of people think that serving is just getting the ball over the net, but there's more to it; you have to try to get the ball over the net where your opponent can't return it." *Photo by Brittany Trant*



**HUDDLE...** The volleyball team huddled on the court for pre-game pep-talks to talk about the strategy for each game, as well as team bonding. The team's tight bond is what helped lead them to victory during the games. Freshman Jennifer Gold commented, "Before games we would dive into the middle of the court and talk." *Photo by Brittany Trant*

**READY, SET...** Freshmen Elisabeth Glad and Jennifer Gold squat in their ready positions in anticipation of the next serve. In between serves was a time for team members to clear their heads for the next set. Elisabeth Glad reflected on what went through her mind before the serve was hit: "I thought about what my next move would be." *Photo by Brittany Trant*

**1ST**

The volleyball team was the first fall team to win an event. They beat Stafford at home on September 14.

## VOLLEYBALL

### JV

Stafford: 0-2  
 Brooke Point: 0-2  
 North Stafford: 0-2  
 Fauquier: 0-2  
 Stafford: 2-1  
 North Stafford: 1-2  
 Stafford: 0-2  
 James Wood: 0-2  
 Sherando: 0-2  
 Fauquier: 0-2  
 Brooke Point: 2-1  
 Team Record: 2-9

### VARSITY

Stafford: 3-1  
 Brooke Point: 2-0  
 North Stafford: 0-2  
 Fauquier: 0-2  
 Stafford: 2-0  
 North Stafford: 2-0  
 Stafford: 2-0  
 James Wood: 0-2  
 Sherando: 0-2  
 Fauquier: 0-2  
 Brooke Point: 1-2  
 Brooke Point (District): 3-2  
 Fauquier (District): 0-3  
 Team Record: 6-7



**RESPONSIBLE PLAYING...** At the September 30 game against Fauquier, freshman Jessica Boutchard runs to re-gain possession of the ball. Freshman Bianca Levine stated, "If you lose the ball, it's your responsibility to get it back." The game was played at A.G. Wright Middle School, which served as the team's home field for the season. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*



## 1ST

**TEAM TALKS...** During half-time, the JV field hockey team takes a break and gets a pep-talk from Coach Lauren Henn. Half-time was a time for the team to work out first-half glitches for the next half. Pulling together and working as a team was one of the most difficult tasks this season for both JV and varsity teams. Junior forward Nikki White explained, "Most of the team had never played before, so it took a lot of communicating among the players to perfect our game."

*Photo by Kevin Dodson*

The varsity field hockey team won their first game on September 22, at home against Liberty. The final score was 2-1.



**JV FIELD HOCKEY: FRONT ROW:** Jinean Robinson, Tequia Roberts, Emily Mathusa, Liz Kwiatkowski, Julie Ross, Katherine Harris, Colleen O'Hagan. **BACK ROW:** Coach Lauren Henn, Katie McCluskey, Malika Kalsa, Ariadna Villarreal, Latasha Nickels, Audra Reynolds, Julie Giles, Jessica Horn, Melissa Hughes

## JV FIELD HOCKEY

Fauquier: 0-3 North Stafford: 0-6 Brooke Point: 0-5 Stafford: 0-6

Stafford: 0-4 Liberty: 0-2 Woodbridge: 2-0 Brooke Point: 0-5

Team Record: 1-7



# STRIVE TO DRIVE



**VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY: FRONT ROW:** Brigid Cepauskas, Michelle Fabie, Lauren Griswold, Andrea Matarrese, Breanne McTighe. **BACK ROW:** Cherelle Yates, Ayanna Khalsa, Sarah Bland, Nikki White, Bianca Levine.

**EVERY CORNER HAS A HOLE.** . . In field hockey, a penalty corner is awarded to the offensive team when a foul is committed inside the scoring circle. At the away game against North Stafford on September 14, the varsity field hockey team's defense prepares for a corner. Sophomore right back Sarah Bland commented, "Corners were really hard because there was so much going on. You had to watch where the ball was hit, make sure to get on the goal side of your mark, and keep your eye on the ball at all times. The hardest thing about doing that was actually doing it in the 3 seconds it took for the shot." *Photo courtesy of E. Rideout*

## VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

Fauquier: 0-3 Culpeper: 0-6 North Stafford: 0-6 Liberty: 2-1 Woodbridge: 0-4 Fauquier: 1-3 Culpeper: 0-6

North Stafford: 0-5 Brooke Point: 0-4 Stafford: 0-6 Liberty: 2-0 Woodbridge: 2-0 Brooke Point: 0-3 Culpeper: 0-6

Team Record: 3-11



# JOINED SPIRITS

"Our goal this season was to come together and prove to everyone that even though we're new, we're just as good as anybody else," stated sophomore Alyssa Townsend.

The squad had a unique situation with many differences between the football season and the basketball season--there weren't enough football games and too many basketball games. The squad cheered at all three of the varsity football games, as well as at half of every home JV game. As junior Amy Kuchno explained, "I liked cheering at the JV games because it gave us an opportunity to watch the games. It was also a chance for us to improve between performances." During the basketball season, the squad had to split in half to fulfill the needs of cheering at both the girls' and boys' varsity games. As sophomore Natalie Reck stated, "There were a lot less people because the squads split." Townsend added, "It got tiring after awhile."

Sophomore Danielle Turner said, "Our goal was to join together as a squad, and I think we accomplished it!" *By Lauren Griswold*



**VARSITY CHEERLEADING: FRONT ROW:** Stephanie Graham, Christina Clark.  
**Row 2:** Lindsey Evans, Renee Garrison, Danielle Turner, Chrissy Dodd, Alyssa Townsend. **Row 3:** Joanne Gold, Miriam Martin, Elizabeth Sowers, Amy Kuchno, Courtney Paskanik, Natalie Reck. **NOT PICTURED:** Ashley Reeves, Donnie Bochart

**EAGLE TAKES A BREAK.** . . During the first pep-rally on October 28, Apollo the eagle takes a break from the strenuous work involved in being the school's mascot. Apollo (whose identity was a secret) said, "Being the mascot is hard. The eagle outfit doesn't fit, especially the head. It sort of tilts forward, and I can't see anything."

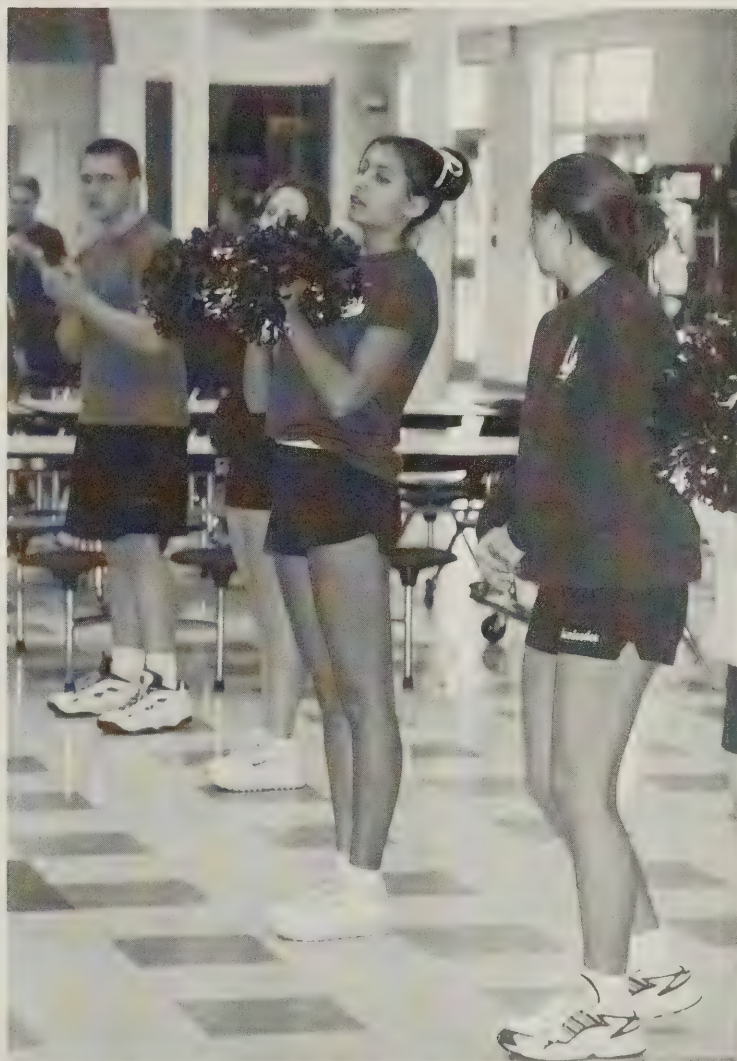
*Photo by Michelle Fabie*





**SPIRIT LINE.** . . During the Newcoming game, the varsity cheerleaders line up for a series of cheers. Pumping up the crowd was an important part of cheerleading as sophomore Stephanie Graham explained, "The task of a cheerleader is to pump up the crowd. If you don't, then you're not doing a good job." *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

**PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE.** . . Varsity cheerleaders spent two hours after school five days a week practicing different elements. As junior Miriam Martin explained, "Being a new team, we had to practice double time so we could get up to the same standards set by other schools with lots of experience." *Photo by Emily Mathusa*



## 1ST

The first stunt was performed at the October 6 football game against North Stafford. The stunt was a full with a half on each side.

**SPORTY SPIRIT.** . . Sophomore Christina Clark jumps in excitement as the varsity girls' basketball team takes on the SherandoWarriors during their first game on December 3. As Clark commented, "It's useful to know about the game you are cheering for because then you know when to cheer for offense or defense." *Photo by Emily Mathusa*



# 1ST

READY... At the October 24 game against Fauquier, freshman cheerleaders stand ready for their next cheer to be called. It was a freshman cheerleading rule that all the girls must stand with their hands on their hips between cheers. Freshman Raelynn Johnson commented on the rule. "At the beginning we were always reminding each other, but after awhile it became a habit." Photo by Emily Mathusa

This year was the first and only year that freshmen were allowed to be on the JV squad.



TWISTED UP... Freshman cheerleaders prepare for their afternoon practice by stretching out their leg muscles. Leg stretches were important for the girls so they didn't pull muscles while jumping. Freshman practices were held in the cafeteria, and led by Coach Pam Whitt. Photo by Don Siegmund





# CHEERLEADING'S FUTURE



**DOMINATE THE FLOOR . .** JV cheerleaders Lauren Evans, Ruth Martin, Karen Sybyl, and Alicia Albright, take center court at the December 3 JV girls' basketball game. Lauren Evans commented, "Cheering at center court was fun because everyone's attention was on you, when you cheer during the game people watch the game, not the cheerleaders." *Photo by Emily Mathusa*

**PUMP IT UP . .** Freshmen Lindsay Elie, Amy Webb, and Christy Varvaro practice one of their many cheers during practice. Cheers were important in pumping up the fans during the football and basketball games. Freshman Lindsay Elie said, "My favorite cheers were the ones that got the crowd involved--like 'Hey, all you Eagle fans...'" *Photo by Emily Mathusa*



**JV (CHEERLEADING): FRONT ROW:** Nikki Dowling, Lauren Evans, Ruth Martin, Nicole Woznick, Beth Zinger. **ROW 2:** Jillian Golas, Ashley Schatz, Ashleigh George, Karen Sybyl, Alicia Albright.



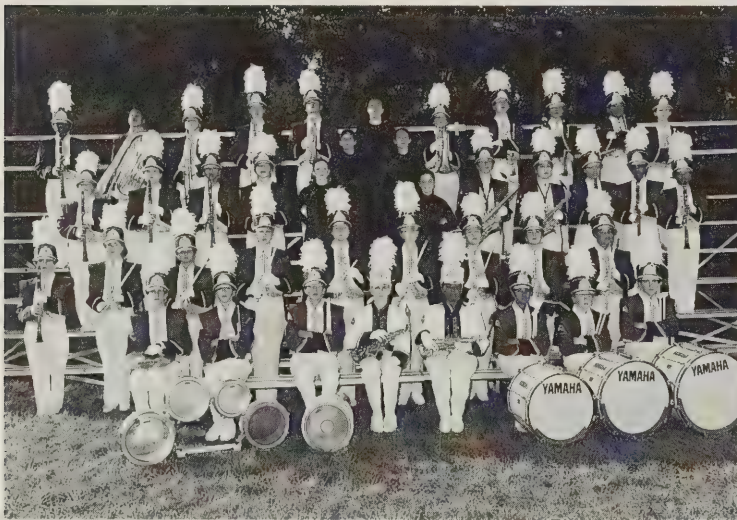
**FRESHMAN (CHEERLEADING): FRONT ROW:** Cristie Varvaro, Erin Phillips. **ROW 2:** Amy Wolfe, Ashlee Wells, Sarah Newport. **ROW 3:** Amy Webb, Raelynn Johnson, Jessica Bair, Heather Downing, Lindsay Elie



# MUSICAL MEMORIES

"THE friends I made during the season have made marching band the most memorable thing I've done. It was great!" said sophomore Scotty Snider. Even though marching band and color guard tried to stay focused on their success, there were plenty of funny moments along the way. Sophomore Matt Neundorfer commented on hilarious happenings of the season when he said, "We were doing a show at a home game with a scatter move, and Jamal, our tuba player, got half-way across the field, slipped and fell!"

Despite the few mishaps, the band and color guard placed in the three invitationals in which they participated. Whether competing against other schools or simply being judged on different aspects of music and technique, marching band and color guard always put forth their best effort. Freshman Eric Trott said, "The harder we practiced the better we did when it came to competitions." Junior Shrima Whitfield commented on the season when she said, "Although we were small, we did our best. We had to work harder, but in the end we worked better as a group." *By Ashley Reeves*



**MARCHING BAND AND COLORGUARD:** FRONT ROW: Travis Benson, Kenny Shifflett, Mark Molter, Jason Holder, DonQuenick Beasley, Stephanie Barrett, Mike LaVoie, Jason Brown. **ROW 2:** Amanda Sprague, Chrystal Kitchens, Surima Whitfield, Adella Summers, Heather Shelton, Jamie Raab, Carol Deaver, Jenna Swollow, Alisha Crosby. **ROW 3:** Jessica Preston, Ashley Mast, Eric Trott, Steven Todd, Jessica Preston, Shannon Santiago, Kristen Parisi, Jessica Vind, Janice Holcombe, Josh Smith, Lucille McCleese, Jenean Robinson, Natasha Glover, Jinean Carabai. **ROW 4:** Sophia Bean, Jamal Matthews, Davy Stiefel, Heather Lange, Anthony Kane, Nina Smith, Patrick Mead, Scott Snider, Matt Neundorfer, Frank Masters, Chaz Ross.

**FANCY FLAGWORK.** . . Band members were not the only ones who were required to memorize routines. The colorguard also had to remember all the key elements. Freshman Nina Smith demonstrates her ability to execute the motions in the routine while keeping the beat with the marching band's music. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*







**AMERICAN PRIDE...** At an October football game, juniors DonQuenick "Sugar" Beasley and Jason Holder do their special drum major salute to the American flag before beginning their routine. As drum majors, they were important to all members of marching band and color guard. They were responsible for keeping the tempo. *Photo by Amber Romero*

**STYLISH TRAVELERS...** Preparing for an away football game, marching band members gather together before loading the bus. Although the bus rides could be long, the fun on the bus made up for it. Junior DonQuenick Beasley said, "Even though we were on the bus for a while we found fun things to do." *Photo courtesy of D. Osterle.*



**ALL THE RIGHT NOTES...** Freshmen Adam Bethany and Chaz Ross, and sophomore Josh Smith practice their music before the next home game. The marching band worked to synchronize the music and positions before they could perform at the game. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

**DRUMROLL READY...** Freshman Kenny Shiflett stands at attention awaiting the drum majors' signal. Before their routine, the band and colorguard had to be in the correct positions. Junior Crystal Kitchens said, "If you're not in position, it messes up the entire formation." *Photo by Kelly Burcham.*

## 1ST

The first competition that the marching band attended was the North Stafford Invitational in which they placed 4th.



# CROSSING THE LINE

CROSS-COUNTRY runners can't run 100 meters and go home. They have to run that extra mile, literally! In fact, runners had to run 3.1 extra miles to get the job done. But this team didn't run alone, "Our captain, Ashely Derby, was really supportive of all of us," explained Sophomore Kjersti Trout, and her example set the tone for the team.

The team's spirit showed on and off the course. "Every Friday before a Saturday invitational meet, we all ate spaghetti at a team member's house," explained junior Phil Delwiche. Junior J.J. Buchness added, "We had fun. We watched movies and pigged out!" To show their spirit to the school, the team dressed up on Friday's; guys choked themselves with ties, while girls sported skirts.

Team members and fans encouraged runners all the way to the finish line. As Mary Gibbons reported, "You could always hear the coaches and parents cheering--they were really supportive." Runners didn't have the luxury of running on a nice, flat track. Courses had them running uphill, downhill, through the woods, and over ditches. Due to the wet weather in September, runners also splashed through rain and mud.

Freshman Lindsay Donnell explained, "It was hard work, and we had to push ourselves everyday, but it was all worth it." *By Lauren Griswold*



**VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY. FRONT ROW:** Mark Thyrring, Lindsay Donnell, Megan Schmitt, Ashely Derby, Mary Gibbons. **BACK ROW:** Coach Tori Helmer, Tommy George, Kjersti Trout, J.J. Buchness, Justin Hogan, Thomas Starkweather, Phil Delwiche, Coach Walt Breede. **NOT PICTURED:** Crystal Black, Josh Bosken, Michael Porter, Catherine Babbie.

# 1ST

At the Chancellor Invitational (the team's first meet on September 4), the girls came in 7th place and the boys 10th.







**ONE BEHIND THE OTHER . . .** Like all fall sports teams, cross country started practice during the summer. Due to the unfinished construction of our school, the team ran at H. H. Poole Middle School. Freshman Mike Porter leads junior Ashley Derby and freshman Megan Schmitt along the trees. *Photo courtesy of Coach W. Breede*

**SUMMER SWEATER . . .** The cross-country team started off their August mornings with long runs around H.H. Poole. Captain of the girls' team, junior Ashley Derby, braves the heat and humidity on her early morning run. "All I remember is that it was *really* hot!" said Derby. *Photo courtesy of Coach W. Breede*



**STOP FOR NOTHING . . .** On the course, runners can't allow anything to get in the way of their performance, not even an untied shoe. Running pace workouts on the track was no exception. Junior Justin Hogan said it best: "You just keep running, worry about it later." *Photo by Linda Wesley*

**A STRETCH IN TIME . . .** Freshman Josh Bosken uses the fence to help him stretch his calves before starting a warm-up on the track. The team stretched together for 15 minutes before every practice. *Photo by Linda Wesley*

## CROSS-COUNTRY

### BOYS

Chancellor Invitational:  
10th

Fork Union Invitational:  
3rd

James Wood Invitational:  
16th

Dual Meet vs Sherando:  
CF:50 SH:15 (L)

Albermarle Invitational:  
24th

Quad Meet vs. North Stafford,  
James Wood, and Fauquier:  
4th

### GIRLS

Chancellor Invitational:  
7th

Fork Union Invitational:  
2nd

James Wood Invitational:  
14th

Dual Meet vs. Sherando:  
CF: 44 ,SH: 15 (L)

Albermarle Invitational:  
21st

Quad Meet vs. North Stafford,  
James Wood, and Fauquier:  
2nd





# IN FULL SWING



**QUICK RETURN . . .** To compete, tennis players have to be quick on their feet. They also must have quick reflexes. Excellent hand-eye coordination was yet another ability needed for tennis. Without these crucial tools, a player could easily be caught off balance. Sophomore Rachel Downham lunges to return a hard hit serve from her opponent at the September 16th match against North Stafford. Junior Nicole Fowler commented on the difficulty of playing tennis, "You always have to be on your toes so you're ready to hit the ball where you are or move into a place where you can hit the ball." *Photo by Nichole Jones*



**GIRLS' TENNIS. FRONT ROW:** Nichole Jones, Connie Soloyna, Heather Lange, Cheri Pryor, Jessica Lam, Tim Pote. **BACK ROW:** Coach Sara Mallard, Nicole Fowler, Mimi Couns, Rachel Downham, Leigh Johnston, Shannon Reynolds.



## TENNIS

Stafford 0-6 North Stafford 1-8 Brooke Point 2-7 Stafford 0-9 North Stafford 1-8  
Culpeper 5-4 James Wood 0-9 Sherando 5-1 Brooke Point 1-8 Stafford 0-6

Team Record: 2-8





"FORG-GE" . . . Sophomore John Stevens concentrates as he hits a long drive off the second tee at Augustine Golf Club. "The hardest thing about golf is concentration, because it's a mental game," said Stevens. The golf team had many obstacles to overcome in their game. One of these was that their team was composed mainly of freshmen. But they didn't let that affect their attitude or play; as freshman Jadd Adams asserted, "We had an awesome season!"

*Photo courtesy of C. Dye*

**STAND OUTS** . . . Junior Mimi Couns and Sophomore Cheri Pryor stand at the net discussing their strategy for the upcoming district match. Being the number one ranked doubles team, they both stood as an inspiration to their teammates. Although they were nervous before matches, they had a little bit of luck on their side when they stepped onto the court. Sophomore Heather Lange explained, "A ritual we have is we kiss rackets before doubles matches."

*Photo by Nichole Jones*



**GOLF. FRONT ROW:** Ronald Bittinger, Jadd Adams, Kenneth Bensman, Glenn Dye, Andrew Currin, Travis Benson. **BACK ROW:** Coach Deron Baker, Bradley Snider, Bryan McNulty, Christopher Shuford, Earl Rudd, Jeffrey Young, Coach Brady Liechty. **NOT PICTURED:** John Stevens.

## GOLF

CFHS 190 . . . NSHS 170 . . . Stonewall 188 Tournament at Culpeper 8th place Tournament at Carper's Valley 8th place Quantico Invitational 38th place  
CFHS 195 . . . Stonewall 180 . . . BPHS 176 CFHS 185 . . . Stafford 181 CFHS 189 . . . Stonewall 185 . . . Fauquier 170  
CFHS 181 . . . Stonewall 190 . . . Chantilly 185 . . . Sherando 170



# 'HEY, HO, CFW GOT SOUL'

"Our goal has been growth, even though we did start late in the year," said Coach Amanda Cielaki. With a squad of mostly freshmen, the girls had to adapt to different levels of experience. "We started off slowly, but we had a good team with a lot of potential," said freshman Whitney Greene.

Traci Gilmore, a junior on the dance team, said, "Even though it's hard being one of only two juniors, you have to make friends." Friendship was important, due to how much time the girls spent together: they practiced every day after school and at home on weekends. Even over the summer, the girls were learning and practicing. They attended a George Mason weekend dance workshop, hosted by the George Masonettes, the Redskinettes, and the National Cheerleading Association.

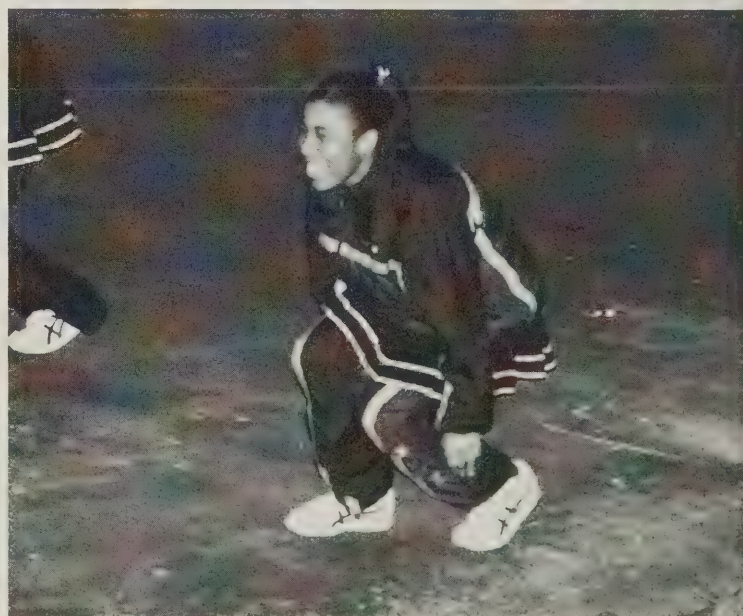
According to freshman Jessie Purshock, "The hardest thing about dance is learning spots, understanding positions, and remembering where you're supposed to be." Their practices consisted of warming-up, choreographing new dances, learning the steps, and perfecting the moves.

Not only did they have the responsibility of starting the first team, they established traditions for all future Eaglettes. Sophomore Ciara Williams captured the team's philosophy when she said, "We all have to set an example for the next team." *By Ashley Reeves*



**FRONT ROW:** Sheila Shomo, Laurie Miller, Lindsey Kime, Amanda Andrews, Christa Cregger, Christina DeSanto. **BACK ROW:** Ciara Williams, Niclolle Norfolk, Megan Well, Traci Gilmore, Alison Blake, Whitney Green, Lacey Hicks. **NOT PICTURED:** Jessica Purshock, Shenora Blackmon, Leanna Argyle.

**GET IT ALL OUT . . .** Whitney Green giggles as she lands a perfectly executed jump during warm-ups, just before the dance team's first performance on September 24th. Warm-ups were a time for dancers to work out their last-minute flutters before stepping onto the field.  
*Photo by Kevin Dodson*







**EYE TO EYE . . .** Anticipating her next move, junior Christa Cregger looks at the crowd watching her from the stands at the halftime of the Fauquier game. This was the first time the dance team performed before such a large crowd, and while members were understandably nervous about performing for the first time, they pulled together. *Photo by Ashley Reeves*

**READY SMILES . . .** The dance team stands ready for the next segment of their routine. Although the Eaglettes performed at many football games during the season, most team members still got nervous before every performance. Freshman Lindsey Kime stated, "I was so nervous that I was going to mess up in front of all those people." *Photo by Kevin Dodson*



**MORE THAN A POSE . . .** With arms spread, sophomore Ciara Williams prepares to start one of the turns the dancers did during their performances. One of her fellow dancers, freshman Megan Well, commented, "Doing turns is the hardest thing to do if you don't have previous experience." *Photo by Ashley Reeves*

**SHAKE IT, BABY . . .** Dancers practiced long and hard to "get their acts together." This dance, performed at the October 20th game against Culpeper, was a reflection of their hard work. This was the last time the team performed this dance, as they readied a new routine for Newcoming. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*

# 1ST

The dance team's first performance was at the September 24th game against the Fauquier Falcons. Their support helped lead the football team to a victory (13-0).



**My buddy.** During a summer practice at Poole, teammates pair up and help each other stretch. The football team was only allowed to practice on their own field a day before their game.

*Photo by D. Siegmund*

**One down.** Junior Jennie Thomas prepares to serve one of the required 15 "in" serves to end an August morning practice. The team practiced at Poole and played together in a YMCA league before the start of the season. *Photo by D. Siegmund*



## Practice Madness

"I think it's pretty cool because no other schools do this. The team will be closer because of Midnight Madness," said freshman Bobby Neal. Originally, the event was to be held in the stadium, but unfinished facilities forced the team to relocate to Gayle Middle School. Players started checking in at 10:30 P.M. and prepared for their first practice, which began at 12:00 A.M. on August 9. Junior Mike McTighe said, "The Midnight Madness was . . . interesting. Nobody was awake for the second practice," held the following morning.

Midnight Madness wasn't the only event to be relocated due to unfinished facilities. All of the fall teams, with the exception of girls' tennis, had to practice at other schools. The football, volleyball, field hockey, and cross country teams all had to practice at H. H. Poole Middle School. However, once school started, teams were allowed to play on their own fields. Field hockey was the only unfortunate team; their games were played at A. G. Wright Middle. Freshman Cherelle Yates, a field hockey player, said, "I wish we could've played on our own fields, but we'll be able to next year, so it's okay." *By Brittany Trant*





"I'm wearing my helmet to sleep," joked freshman Phil Banks. Players relax among the sleeping bags and pillows before the midnight practice begins. Football players spent the night in Gayle's gym during Midnight Madness. *Photo by Brittany Trant*



## The First... Midnight Madness

"You are tonight, gentlemen, a family. You need to get to know each other and work together... You're going to have to depend on each other."

-Head Coach  
Karl Buckwalter's  
opening speech to  
86 football players

**Braced base.** Freshmen Lindsay Elie, Sarah Newport, and Heather Downing practice a stunt at cheerleading camp. The camp was held at Stafford Senior High School and all three of the school's cheerleading squads attended. *Photo by Amber Romero*

**Outnumbered.** The field hockey team helps junior Katherine Harris perfect her goalie skills by taking shots on goal. The girls practiced at Poole and had to compete with the football team for the athletic trainer's attention. *Photo by Amber Romero*



# BUILDING UP

THIS season may not have been the greatest on the scoreboard, but the varsity basketball team still managed to work at and play the game. Junior Brandon Jackson stated, "We had fun as a team; we sometimes kind of sat on our skills, but next year we'll hit all the other teams with a bang." The team faced some huge obstacles being a new team playing against more experienced teams. Freshman Bo Trant commented, "It was hard playing against older kids because they were a lot quicker and stronger than the kids I played against in middle school." Adam Phillips said, "It was tough at first but you get used to it. I think next year we'll be better because we'll be older and the freshmen will improve."

The hours of practice and the bus rides to and from away games were a perfect time for the team to get to know each other and by the end of the season the team was a lot closer than they were at the beginning. Sophomore Matt Crews said it best, "It was tough at the beginning but we got there. We all went through hard times, but we were all there for each other."

*By Lauren Griswold*



**VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL.** FRONT ROW: Matt Crews, Bo Trant, Jeffrey Young, Tommy George, Brandon Jackson, Larry Bruno, Brandon McKenney. ROW 2: Coach Mike Rosenbaum, Amber Romero (manager), Adam Phillips, Ken McCabe, James Borella, Adam Green, Adam Brownback, David Lewis, Coach Johnnie Jenkins.



## 1ST

The first member of the boys' varsity team to sink a 3 point shot was junior Tommy George in the December 3 game against Sherando.



**REJECTED...** During practice junior Adam Brownback's attempt to sink a shot before going out of bounds is rejected by sophomore Matt Crews. The team spent much of their practice time playing against each other. Junior Demetric Middleton stated, "The worst drills to do at practice were charge drills because other players run right into you." *Photo by Michelle Fabie*

**KEY PRESSURE...** Junior Brandon Jackson drives in for a layup at the North Stafford basketball game on January 21. Jackson had to battle North Stafford's center, Dan Schott, to get to the basket. North Stafford defeated the guys 34 to 61 at the first meeting of the county rivals. The team improved for their second meeting with a score of 31 to 49. *Photo by Morgan Crandall*



**DEFENSIVE MIND...** During a defensive drill in practice, junior Jeffrey Young squares off with freshman Brandon McKenney, preparing to steal the ball. Sophomore David Lewis commented on his defensive strategy, "On defense you have to just keep them to the side of the court, and you can't let them go down the middle of the court and score." *Photo by Michelle Fabie*

**SHOOTING STRATEGY...** Junior Ken McCabe takes a free-throw during pre-game warmups in preparation for the game against North Stafford on January 21. Freshman Brandon McKenney stated, "When you are trying to shoot, you have to concentrate; you can't worry about anything else that's going on because if you do you'll miss the shot." *Photo by Morgan Crandall*

## VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL

Sherando: 34-60 Osbourn Park: 25-86 Model: 43-48 James Wood: 52-62 Spotsylvania: 34-49 Fauquier: 44-73 Culpeper: 44-69 Spotsylvania: 44-67 Osbourn Park: 35-66 Fredericksburg Christian: 54-48 Centreville: 38-81 Louisa: 32-63 Brooke Point: 26-73 Fauquier: 41-64 North Stafford: 34-61 Stafford: 35-72 Brooke Point: 31-86 Culpeper: 51-65 North Stafford: 31-49 Stafford: 23-73



# COMPLETE CONTROL

**TEAM TOGETHERNESS...** The JV boys' basketball team huddle around the ball for a team talk before scrimmaging the freshman team during practice on January 13. This was the only time the two teams played against each other, and in the end the freshmen were victorious. The final score was 32-24. *Photo by Nichole Jones*

**RELAXED RITUAL...** Sophomore Brad Truxel relaxes as he prepares to shoot a free-throw during practice. Many basketball players had specific rituals that they did before each free-throw. For instance, junior Makius Carabai said, "Before every foul shot I clear my head, dribble the ball twice, take a deep breath, and then shoot." *Photo by Nichole Jones*



**FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL.** FRONT ROW: Glenn Dye, Ben Nason, Sean McGinness, Jonathan Sowers, Andrew Currin, Jadd Adams. BACK ROW: Kenneth Zahn, Brandon Stephens, Matt Moody, Jason Sullivan, Coach Michael Darnell, Bobby Neal, Zeph Crittenden, Matt Loving, Brandon Eubank



## FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL

Sherando: 30-60 Osbourn Park: 30-54 James Wood: 11-36 Spotsylvania: 48-28 Fauquier: 32-65 Culpeper: 30-35 Spotsylvania: 27-36

Osbourn Park: 21-47 Brooke Point: 37-24 North Stafford: 29-34 Stafford: 21-47 Brooke Point: 17-30 Culpeper: 18-36 North Stafford: 25-28

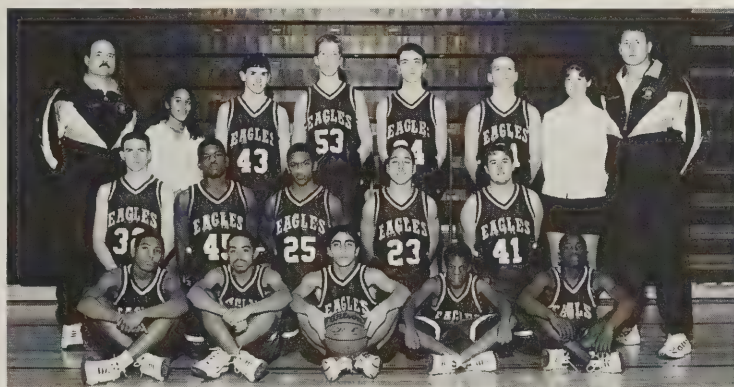




**FOOTWORK.** . . Freshman Brian Jones attempts to penetrate Brooke Point's defense as sophomore Matt Crews maneuvers inside the key to get open for the pass. Jones stated, "When you're playing defense you have to move quick and keep up with your opponent." The final score of the February 3 game was 29-64. Photo by Nichole Jones

## 1ST

The first points for the freshman boy's basketball were scored with a layup by Matt Moody at the December 3 game against Sherando. The final score was 30-36.



**JV BOYS' BASKETBALL. FRONT ROW:** Brian Jones, Makius Carabai, Askon Bihamta, Tyrone Dyer, Jimmy Newsome. **ROW 2:** Derek Wiser, Al Brown, Patrick Farris, Jamal Matthews, Steven Mastrangelo. **BACKROW:** Coach David Wood, Nichole Jones (manager), Brad Truxell, Brendon Fitzgerald, Blake Wood, Scott Rudd, Michelle Fabie (manager), Coach Bryan Zardez

## JV BOYS' BASKETBALL

Sherando: 27-54 Osbourn Park: 11-75 Model School: 50-30 Spotsylvania: 47-71 Fauquier: 15-66 Culpeper: 23-75 Spotsylvania: 42-56  
Osbourn Park: 26-33 Louisa: 23-62 Brooke Point: 15-68 Fauquier: 32-78 North Stafford: 38-59 Stafford: 21-50 Brooke Point: 29-64  
Culpeper: 26-87 North Stafford: 31-63



**FRIENDLY DEFENSE...** Sophomore Kristin Bryant giggles as she attempts to play defense against teammate, junior Ashley Turner, during pregame warm-ups for the January 21 game against North Stafford. Warm-ups were crucial for the team to get their last jitters out before the game started. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*



**ROLL CALL...** Junior Ashley Turner runs out onto the court at the start of the home game against North Stafford on January 21. The team started off every game by running down the support line of cheerleaders and teammates when their name was announced. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*

**DOUBLE TEAM...** Juniors DeeJay Johnson and Catherine Meadows work together to block Stafford's attempt at a shot in the February 18 game at home. According to Meadows, "Stafford had a really good defense, but we definitely improved our defense the second time we played them." *Photo by Morgan Crandall*



## VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Sherando: 25-58 Osbourn Park: 21-48 James Wood: 58-69 Stonewall: 28-48 Fauquier: 25-39 Culpeper: 33-58 Osbourn Park: 21-51 Stonewall: 13-62

Fredericksburg Christian: 26-34 Brooke Point: 16-56 North Stafford: 19-75 Stafford: 25-78 Brooke Point: 11-54 North Stafford: 19-76



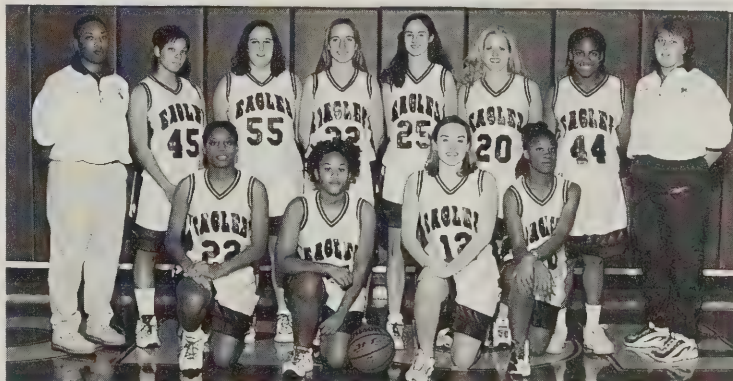


# SHOOTING SUPPORT

THE varsity girls' basketball team persevered through a trying season by relying on one another for support, encouragement, and motivation. Playing against established teams proved difficult however, through the support and encouragement of teammates, Coach Michelle Darley, the fans, and everyone else that came to cheer them on, the girls made the most of the season.

Junior Katherine Harris believed that her teammates provided a great deal of support, "I rely on my teammates for support during games and practices. We all get along really well, and we always yell like crazy for each other." Junior Catherine Meadows also received a lot of motivation from Coach Darley. Meadows said, "Coach Darley tries really hard to fire us up; she once offered us \$1 for every shot we made."

When asked if it was difficult playing against established teams, Meadows responded, "Yes, we know we're not very experienced; we also know we'll get better." Sophomore Kristin Bryant expanded, "We try our best, but unfortunately we're not always successful. I guess you could compare our team to that song, by Chumbawamba 'I get knocked down, but I get up again.'" *By Joanne Gold*



**VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL.** FRONT ROW: Ashley Turner, Lacey Sellars, Kristin Bryant, Ayanna Khalsa. ROW 2: Coach Tene Wilson, DeeJay Johnson, Kristin Hoffman, Jennifer Bloomer, Catherine Meadows, Katherine Harris, Tish Smith, Coach Michelle Darley. NOT PICTURED: Andrea Matarrese, Mimi Preda

# 1ST

The first practice for first varsity girls' basketball team was held on November 15 at 9:00 a.m.



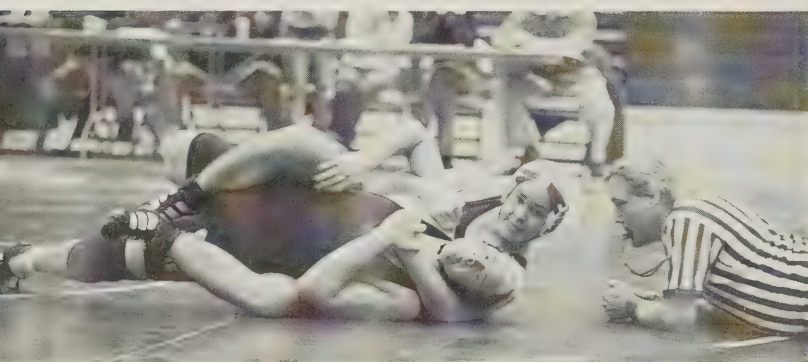
# WILLING TO PAY

"VICTORY comes at a price. What are you willing to pay?" This statement was adopted by head coach, Mr. Bill Swink, as the varsity wrestling team's motto. Freshman Evan Stribling agreed, "If you want to win, you have to be willing to practice hard and never give up." As a first year team, the guys were willing to pay and concluded the season with a record of 21 and 14. Said Swink, "For us to win 21 matches with no seniors was outstanding."

Individual records were also outstanding. Ten wrestlers finished their seasons with over 20 wins. Team captains, sophomore Kyle Graham and juniors Chris Fulmer and Daniel Wasson, led the team with over forty wins a piece. Freshman Scott Fisher, who had 31 victories said, "Overall, I think we did pretty good this year."

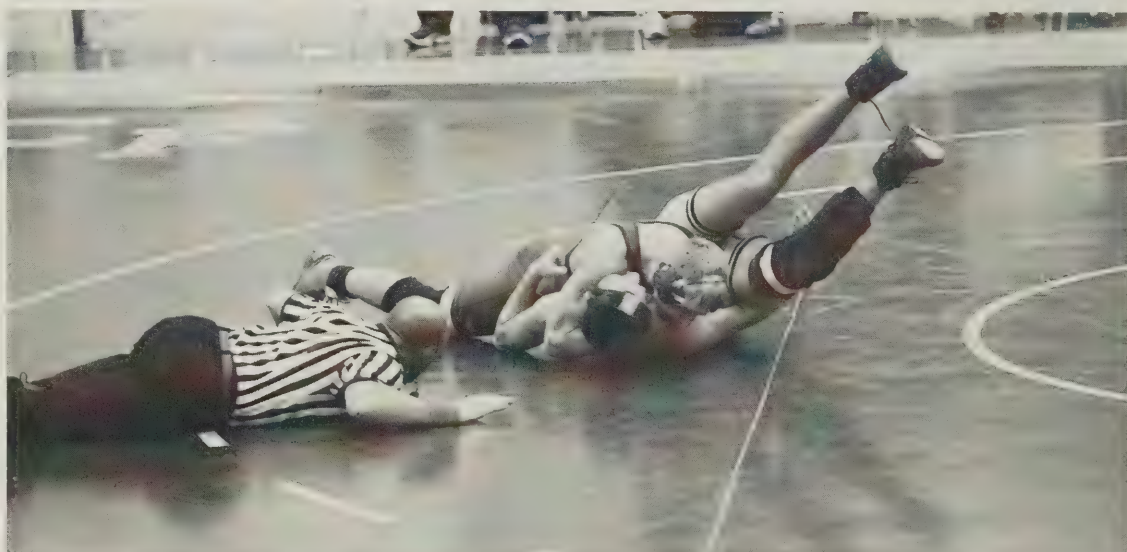
At the end of the season, six wrestlers placed in districts, four placed in regionals, and one placed at state.

The wrestlers knew the price for victory and were willing to pay. *By Brittany Trant*



**SHOULDERS TO THE MAT...** Sophomore A.J. Fales takes Brooke Point's Andy Faulkenstein to the mat during the 189 pound match. Fales defeated his opponent 8-0, but the team fell to Brooke Point with a final score of 30-34. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*

**QUICK PIN...** Junior Daniel Wasson shows his skills by defeating his opponent from Western Branch in only 26 seconds. Wasson went into districts with 18 pins and a record of 35-7. *Photo by Brittany Trant*







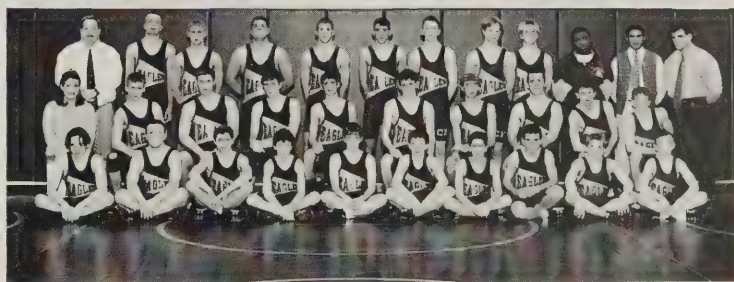
**FRESHMAN FORCE...** Freshman Scott Fisher prepares to go for another period during the Brooke Point home match. Fisher finished his season after placing fifth in the district and advancing to regionals. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*

**STUCK...** Junior Chris Fulmer checks the clock as he waits for the ref to call a pin during the second period. Fulmer went 3-0 in the quad on January 29, pinning two opponents and defeating the other by a tech fall. *Photo by Brittany Trant*



**1ST**

Two wrestlers took first-place honors in the Commonwealth District Tournament: sophomore Kyle Graham at 112 pounds and junior Daniel Wasson at 160 pounds.



**WRESTLING. FRONT ROW:** Cruz Martinez, Chris Morris, Phil Banks, Justin Speelman, Paul Bleau, Charles Jessup, Travis Kelly, Ben Haas, Kyle Graham, Abram Fox **ROW 2:** Jennie Fulmer (trainer), Scott Snider, Rob Rankin, Dwayne Beach, Dale Pellar, Tyler Godfrey, Chris Crawford, A.J. Fales, Shannon Speelman, Scott Fisher **ROW 3:** Coach Bill Swink, Chad Polliard, Daniel Wasson, Chuck Brown, Chris Fulmer, Mike McTighe, Evan Stribling, Jayson Jurek, Kenny Bochart, Chris Corbin, Coach Joe Pyanoe, Coach Mark Black

## VARSITY WRESTLING

Titan Kickoff Classic: Hylton 55-19, Hickory 27-52, Great Bridge 10-58; Louisa Invitational: 1st place; Edison 52-27; Christiansburg Christmas Tournament: 5th place; Osbourn 41-32, Potomac Falls 33-30, Brooke Point 33-38, Osbourn Park 38-28, Lee-Davis 18-42, Gar-Field 30-38, Broad Run 46-26, Stafford 49-27, Hylton 33-34; Youngsville 33-31; Brentsville 34-37; Liberty 49-15; North Stafford 35-29; Stafford 23-39; James Wood 38-35; Fauquier 18-52; Culpeper 45-27; Sherando 23-41; Western Branch 27-48; Brooke Point 30-34; Courtland 42-25; Osbourn Park 51-21; Turner Ashby 27-34; Commonwealth District Tournament: 5th place; Northwest Regional Tournament: 9th place  
Districts: 1st-Graham, Wasson, 2nd-Fulmer, 3rd-Huddle, Fales, 5th-Fisher; Regionals: 1st-Graham, 2nd-Fulmer, 3rd-Fales, 5th-Wasson; States: 3rd-Graham



**SKILLED FIGHT...** Freshman Chris Crawford locks his opponent in the 125 weight class into a reverse half-nelson to gain control. One of the most important elements in wrestling was being able to maneuver in and out of tricky positions to avoid getting pinned. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*



1ST

Freshman Malika Khalsa made the first shot for the JV girls' basketball team at the December 3 game against the Sherando Warriors.



**JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL. FRONT ROW:** B.J. Tucker, Brady Liechty **ROW 2:** Rachel Herriott, Rachel Deffenbaugh, Melissa Taylor, Jenna Swallow, Amy Wood, Miranda Shaffier, Malika Khalsa, Julie Giles, Kristen Phillips, Andrea Matarrese, Mimi Preda, Samantha Hevel, Michelle Bartenfelder **NOT PICTURED:** Dee Jay Johnson

## JV GIRL'S BASKETBALL

Sherando: 23-44 Osbourn Park: 14-26 James Wood: 8-51 Stonewall: 7-35 Fauquier: 18-43 Culpeper: 12-57 Osbourn Park: 8-49 Stonewall: 8-60

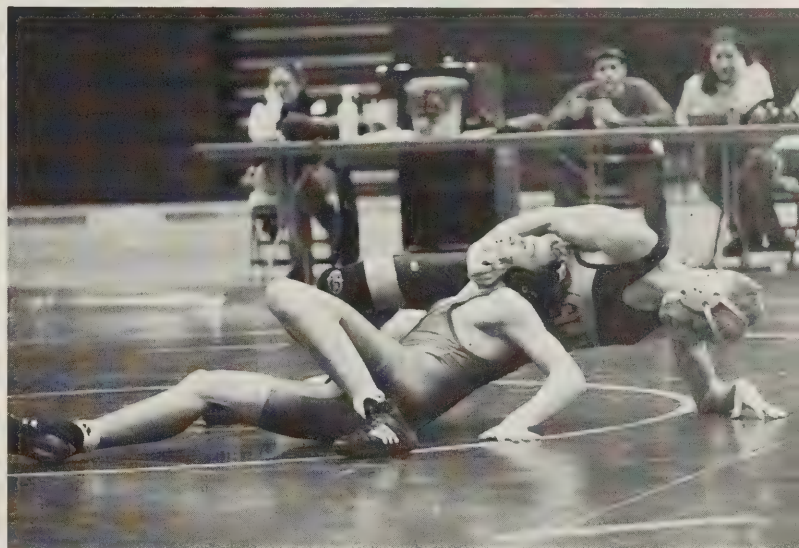
Fredericksburg Christian: 23-28 Brooke Point: 10-43 North Stafford: 12-47 Stafford: 14-42



# SHOTS AND HEADLOCKS

**KEEPING CONTROL...** Freshman Tyler Godfrey uses his defensive techniques in order to gain control of his opponent. Godfrey's teammate, sophomore Chad Palliard said, "You have to be focused and go out aggressive in order to have control and overpower your opponent." *Photo by Emily Mathusa*

**NECK STRAIN...** Junior Dwayne Beach shows his strength, and his opponent's tolerance for pain, as he pulls the wrestler down to the mat, with a move called the "pancake." Wrestling required strength, stamina, and a high tolerance for pain. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*



**STRONG STANCE...** Freshman Malika Khalsa concentrates and settles into position as she prepares to sink a foul shot during the 4th quarter of the January 31 game against Stafford. Khalsa said, "It [the season] was an interesting learning experience." *Photo by D. Siegmund*

## JV WRESTLING

Edison: 63-10    North Stafford: 13-41    Fauquier: 26-11    James Wood: 6-13    Stafford: 18-0    Brooke Point: 29-34



# DIVE IN

**FREESTYLE**, butterfly, backstroke, and breaststroke were the four major strokes swimmers had to learn and master. Freshman Thomas Martz said, "[This was difficult because] over half our team are freshmen; we don't have many experienced swimmers." Sophomore Anthony Kane explained his perspective on having new swimmers, "It was a big change from last year. I went from the one asking for help to the one giving help."

Swimming required stamina, hard work, and lots of practice; sophomore Annie Martz explained, "I would consider swimming one of the hardest sports. It requires endurance, and if you don't have it you will get it." The swim team used their practice time wisely, and in almost every meet swimmers improved their individual times. Kane said, "Improving your time is always the goal."

The team did have some experience when they dove into the pool. Coach Elissa Loudon had coached teams in the past, which helped her in her role as head coach. "Many swimmers make the same mistakes; with the same corrections they can improve their strokes." She also had help from junior Akemi Parker and freshman Michelle Collier, who were both undefeated on outside teams.

*By Joanne Gold*



## 1ST

In the December 14 meet against Brooke Point, the following swimmers came in first place: Michelle Collier, Erin Millbaugh, Akemi Parker, Thomas Martz, and Annie Martz.



**SWIM TEAM. FRONT ROW:** Jessie Purchock, Stephanie Barrett, Vicky King, Taryn Brice, Cat Robinson, Leigh Johnston, Patrick Mead, Eric Trott, Candace Davis, Kinsley Schroeder. **ROW 2:** Michelle Canterbury, Erica Riegger, Adella Summers, Ashley Derby, Tim Pote, Bryan Looney, Matt Bretthauer, Mark Molter, Melissa Hughes, Katie McCluskey. **ROW 3:** Camilla Shover, Erin Millbaugh, Annie Martz, Anthony Kane, Kerri Wysocki, Thomas Martz, Jacob Flatter, Lauren Mooney, Vincent Costanza, Kelly Goodin, Erik Clancy. **NOT PICTURED:** Akemi Parker, Michelle Collier, Crystal Culbertson, Charles Barcus.

## SWIMMING

Stafford: B: 74-271 G: 70-267 North Stafford: B: 83-231 G: 80-254 Brooke Point: B: 90-250 G: 160-174

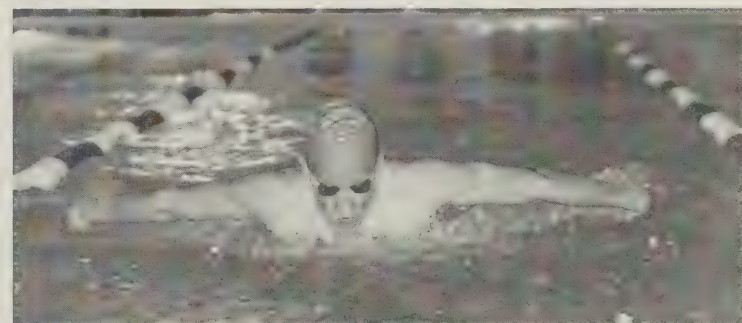
King George: B: 94-241 G: 82-257 Courtland: B: 91-231 G: 70-250





**ON YOUR MARK . . .** Freshman Katie McCluskey gets in position to begin her race, the 500-meter freestyle during the North Stafford meet. Unfortunately McCluskey did not place in this race or the 100-meter butterfly, she also swam that day. An injured ankle held her back for most of the season, hindering her performance in many of her races. *Photo by Andrea Borella*

**RELAY TIME . . .** Freshman Matt Brethauer dives in for his leg of the boy's 200-meter freestyle relay. The team spent a lot of time and energy on improving their relays by going to a relay carnival. The carnival focused entirely on relays, was held at the Freedom Center in Manassas. Other relays included the individual medley and the 400-meter freestyle. *Photo by Andrea Borella*



**A HELPING HAND . . .** Sophomore Tim Pote helps his teammate, sophomore Charles Barcus out of the pool after his race. At the meet against North Stafford on December 17, Barcus was recovering from an injured shoulder. Injuries were not uncommon as many swimmers had occasional pulls and strains, the most popular being shoulder injuries. *Photo by Andrea Borella*

**FLY FOR SUCCESS . . .** Sophomore Charles Barcus takes a breath during his butterfly race at the December 17 meet against North Stafford. The butterfly stroke required upper body strength and good timing. Barcus commented on the difficulty of butterfly saying, "Butterfly is one of the hardest strokes, but someone's got to do it." *Photo by Andrea Borella*



# LEAPS AND BOUNDS

FROM doing kips on the bars to performing backtuck dismounts on the beam, the gymnastics team had many skills to work on. Freshman Kerriann Galloway commented on the different aspects of gymnastics when she said, "Competing in all four events is a hard task, and you have to have all the basics down before you move on."

Gymnasts didn't only work on perfecting their performances in the four different events, but they also did strength training and conditioning. Freshman Nicole Woznik said, "Mrs. Collier worked us so hard at practice, making us do pushups, situps, and jumping rope 300 times!" The extra workout was an important factor. Since many of the girls hadn't done gymnastics in awhile, they had to work even harder to make up for their lost skills. Assistant coach Sarah Mallard said, "We have worked so hard on our skills this season that I really hope to see their hard work show at our meets."

With all the time the girls spent together enhancing their gymnastic abilities, it was inevitable that friendships would follow. Junior Dawn Osterle said, "Every time we have a meet we go out to dinner before. It's a great time to become closer and get psyched for the meet." *By Ashley Reeves*

**GYMNASTICS.** Jessica Preston, Crystal Frakes, Kerriann Galloway, Nicole Woznick, Lisa Yeagley, Christen Itam, Dawn Oesterle.



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Junior Lisa Yeagley scored the first 9 out of 10 for the team on her floor performance at the first meet of the season. She was also the only gymnast to advance to Regionals.

## GYMNASTICS

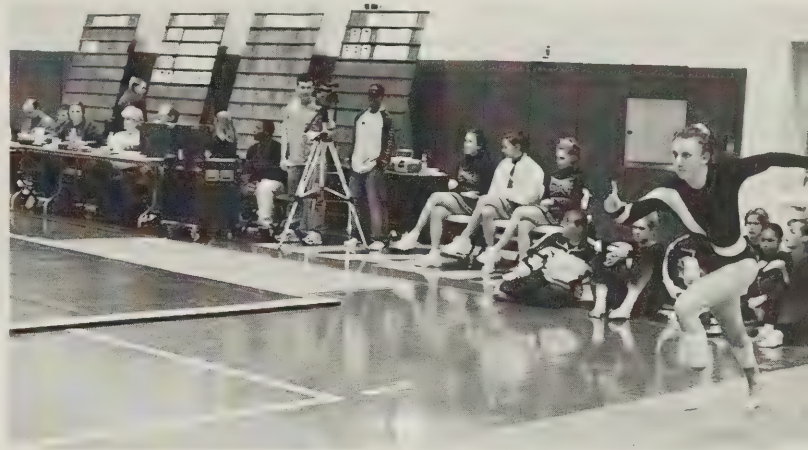
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**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT...** Freshman Nicole Woznick stands awaiting Coach Teresa Collier's go ahead before mounting the bars. Collier was there to spot the girls on old or new moves. Woznick commented on one such occasion, "We were working on a kip mount, and I felt much better having Ms. Collier there." *Photo by Amber Romero*

**SPRINTING AHEAD...** Junior Lisa Yeagley sprints toward the spring board to mount the vault. Yeagley commented on the importance of the sprint on the straight-a-way: "Your performance on the vault all depends on your mount. The more speed and control you gain, the better your mount and landing is overall." *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



**(CONCENTRATED FLEXIBILITY...** After mounting the beam, freshman Kerriann Galloway concentrates on the beginning move of her routine. Galloway said, "Even if you are the most flexible person in the world, you can't do a difficult move like a heal stretch without keeping your concentration." *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

**HELPING HAND...** Sophomore Christen Itam and junior Crystal Frakes assist each other in taping their wrists before a home competition. Taping reduced the strain on the gymnasts' wrists during the performance; this helped to avoid injury. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



# WINDY SPRINTS

**S**NOW, sleet, rain, or wind-the winter track team never let the weather stand in their way. Whatever the conditions outside, the team still practiced, either out in the inclement weather or in the weight room. Coach Tori Helmer said, "We were out in the cold no matter what because the weather only makes you tougher." And during this season that statement was more than true. With Stafford experiencing a cold winter with a major snowstorm, the team had to push themselves even harder. Freshman Sean Hill said, "It was hard to keep running when all you could think about was being inside where it was warm, but we all had to stay motivated."

Motivation was a key factor for the team's season. The team practiced two days a week in the weight room; these days were called "easy days," and two days out on the track, known as "hard days." Easy days were days when the team was not on the track whereas hard days included not only long distance running and sprints but field events as well. The week also usually included a meet.

With such a rigorous schedule sometimes everyone was just waiting for the week to end. Freshman Ryan Wallis said, "Running in the cold at practice and at meets, I sometimes found myself wishing it was Saturday, so I wouldn't have to go outside at all!" *By Ashley Reeves*



**WINTER TRACK. FRONT ROW:** Mimi Couns, Kjersti Trout, Misty Burton, Megan Schmitt, Julie Ross, Audra Reynolds, Lindsay Donnell, Heather Johnson, Thelma Wilkens **ROW 2:** Cameron Stevens, Christina Wynes, Tom Bloomer, Dong-Keun Oh, Cat Babbie, Josh Smith, Sean Hill, Brian Serbinski, John Buchness, Ryan Wallis **BACK ROW:** Coach Tori Helmer, John Schaffer, Mike Porter, Matt Elliot, Brian Neisler, Tony Levine, Chris Garcia, Steven Doebel, Justin Hogan, Coach Walt Breede **NOT PICTURED:** Coach Mark Dogherty, Matt Neundorfer, James Davis, Theron Lockett

**DAILY JOG . . .** Members of the girls' track team begin their practice with laps around the school. Whether the person ran distance, sprints, or participated in field events, the laps helped everyone to warm up for an afternoon of hard conditioning and endurance running.  
*Photo by Emily Mathusa*





**PERFECT POSITIONING . . .** At the North Stafford meet, junior John Schaffer exerts all his power to throw the shot put. Schaffer said, "You have to have a controlled wind up if you want to get the best distance on your shot put." *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

**HIGH VAULT-AGE . . .** Junior Mimi Couns perfects her pole vault at practice. Couns and sophomore Kjersti Trout were the only two people to make it to state. Couns said, "Pole vault is a fun event, but it takes a lot of work to put it all together." *Photo by Emily Mathusa*



**PUMPING IRON . . .** Junior Chris Garcia works in the weight room during one of the team's "easy days." He was working on his upper body, concentrating on his arms by doing curls. Garcia said, "The days after we weight lifted you could really feel an increase in your body strength and overall stamina." *Photo by Emily Mathusa*

## WINTER TRACK

### BOYS'

Dual Meet NSHS:

2nd Place

Tri-meet SHS and BPHS:

2nd Place

Districts:

4th Place

### GIRLS'

VMI Invitational:

4th Place

Fork Union Invitational:

25th Place

Dual Meet NSHS:

2nd Place

Tri-Meet SHS and BPHS:

2nd Place

Districts:

4th Place

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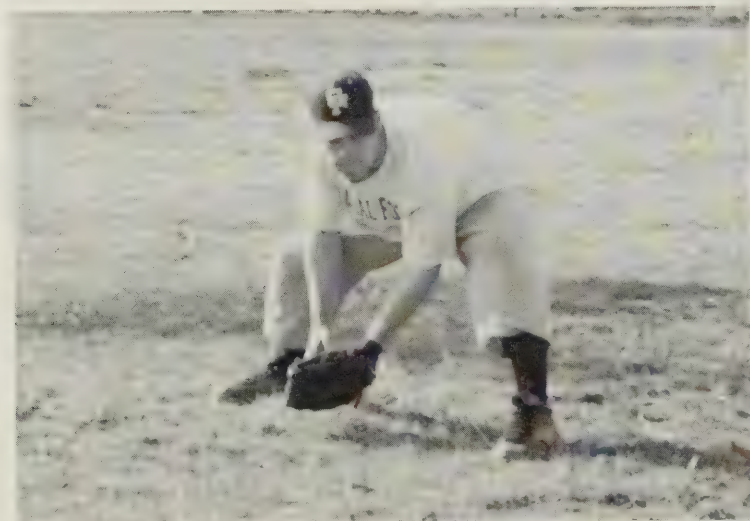
Junior Mimi Couns and sophomore Kjersti Trout were the first track team members to earn points at an invitational. Couns placed 4th in pole vault and Trout placed 5th in the mile.



**WEIGHTING GAME...** During warm-ups, sophomore John Irby, and juniors Adam Brownback and Tommy George tone up their shoulders and triceps with the military press. The exercise was done to strengthen overhand shots and speed up serves. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*



**GROUND WORK...** Sophomore Chuck Brown fields a practice grounder. During the early spring, fielding grounders was especially difficult because of the bare spots and rocky, dry conditions. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*



**YOU HEARD IT HERE 1ST ...**



"Scrimmaging was the best part of softball practice because it was live action, like the games."

SOPHOMORE  
JEN SWEENEY





**DOWN AND DIRTY...** Sophomore Nicole Brien practices sliding into third base during softball tryouts. Players had to complete a suicide run by sprinting the bases and sliding into third. *Photo by Leigh Harris*



**ROUGH AND READY...** With their sticks, three sets of pads, and helmet, lacrosse players hustle out to the field for a pre-season scrimmage. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*

**PASSING ACTION...** As part of warm-ups, freshman Abram Fox watches sophomore Charles Barcus catch a pass while freshman Jack Zawora provides a little defense. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*



"I play lacrosse because it moves quickly. It is exciting to watch and play, but it does take a lot of practice."

JUNIOR  
MIKE ESSIG



"I'm looking forward to setting the standard for future teams and to just having fun."

FRESHMAN  
ADAM BETHANY



"We have a lot of work to do, but we can learn from each other and do well. A big plus is that we'll be the same team next year."

SOPHOMORE  
JOHN IRBY



**HEADERS...** At a spring practice, sophomore Ashkon Bihanta heads the ball away from sophomore Amir Milling as they battle for control of the ball. Photo by Kelly Burcham



**STRETCH IT OUT...** On the second day of track practice, Coach Mark Doherty leads the boys' and girls' teams in the hamstring stretch. Photo by Kevin Dodson.



**A RACE AGAINST TIME...** Pushing to beat the clock, members of the girls' track team sprint forward, trying to finish their distance before time ran out. Photo by Kevin Dodson



"In practice if someone's faster than you, you're always trying to pass them."  
JUNIOR  
STEVEN DOEBEL



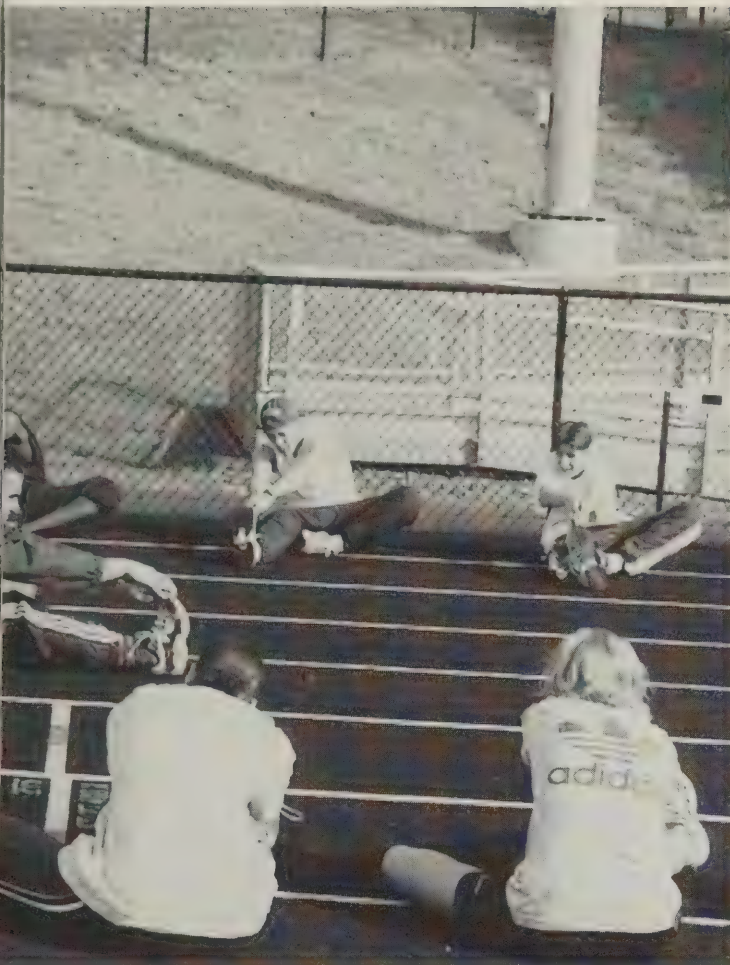
"I don't expect to win every soccer game, but we will gain the respect of our competition."  
JUNIOR  
TONY MAMMARCELLA



"We need a lot of prep because we're up against some hard soccer teams who have been together longer."  
FRESHMAN  
STEPHANIE ESPOSITO







**HEAD TO HEAD...** Practicing for an upcoming scrimmage against Potomac High School, junior Jenn Bloomer attempts to dribble past a defender. Dribbling and quick feet were the keys to getting past the defense. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



**KEEPING THE PACE...** Before practice begins, freshmen JoJo Limos, Justin Mendez, and Andy Claerbout run warm-up laps. Practice for the sprinters started with a long distance jog and then progressed into short distance sprints. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*

**GOOD PASSES...** Keeping an eye on freshman defender Drew Currin, junior Tony Mammarella looks to pass to freshman Ben Nason during a practice drill. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

I love doing track;  
I feel so buff and  
in shape from all  
the hard running  
we do."

SOPHOMORE  
NATALIE RECK



## HERE'S YOUR 1ST LOOK ...



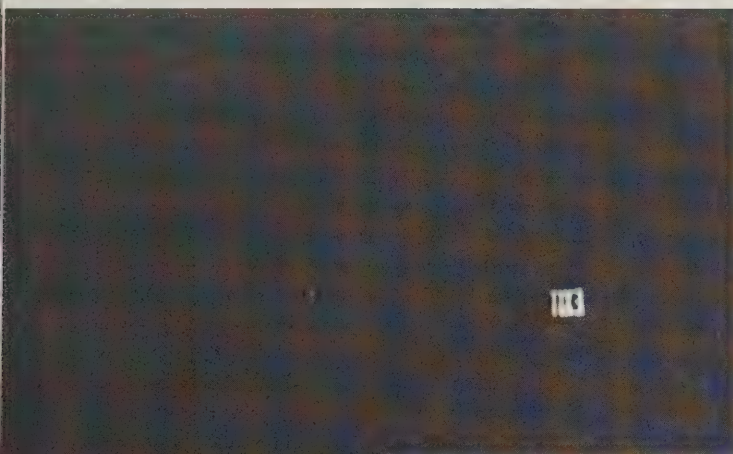
# CLUBS & A





# CADEMICS

## *Setting the Standard*



"Your success this year will be directly related to your attitude and work ethic," wrote Dr. Lisa Martin in her Message from the Principal in our agendas. Being the first students at the school, we set the standard.

We chartered clubs and were the first members. The National Honor Society was named in honor of Steven James Snyder. We named the Newspaper, *The Aerie*, and the yearbook, *Apollo*, and published the first editions.

We prepared for the SOLs in world history, biology, Algebra II, and English in order to meet the state's standards of learning. We raised our own standards by taking higher



level courses such as AP US/Virginia History, Advanced CIS, and Spanish IV.

Besides taking notes, studying for tests, and participating in clubs, we were setting the standard for future students.

*By Brittany Trant*

"I pledge myself to uphold. . ." On December 10, the NHS held its charter installation and induction ceremony. The 21 inductees extinguish their candles after the pledge led by President Brittany Trant. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*

**Setting the tempo.** Freshman Sean Hill, a percussionist for the Jazz Ensemble practices during fifth period. The first-year music program boasted three bands, including a symphonic band and Big Band. *Photo by Linda Wesley*



# More Than Words

"We had homework?" "I thought we were reading!" "What rough draft?" "How do you spell that?" These were often the shouts at the beginning of Mrs. Sharon Bevan's fifth period class. Mrs. Bevan's students weren't being serious, though; they were just giving an easy-going teacher a hard time. In fact, most students loved their English class. "I wouldn't change a thing," commented junior Dea Cordaro. Cordaro, along with a growing number of students, was enrolled in honors English. This course was a more demanding version of the English classes students were required to take. Participants read literary classics such as The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and The Great Gatsby.

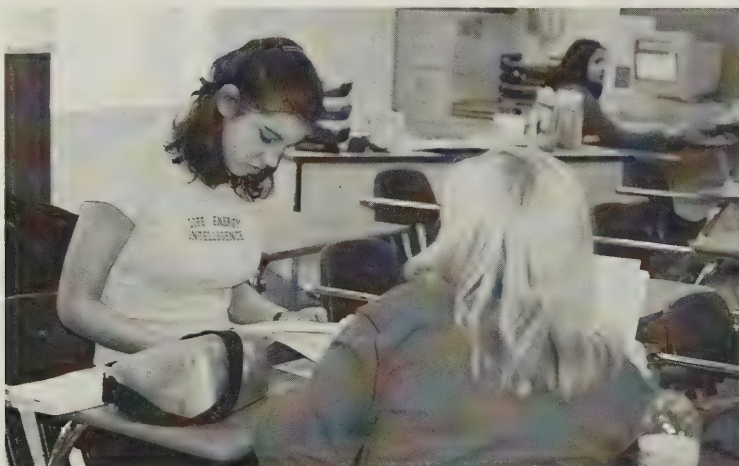
Aside from the traditional English classes, students could take courses in creative writing and oral communications. The all-girl creative writing class took on the task of creating the school's first literary magazine. The lit mag was appropriately named Molten Art. The writing and art work of students from all grades were collected and put together by the editors in the class. Oral Communications was taught by Mrs. Betty Krapfl, and helped students develop better speech and public-speaking skills. Junior Tabitha Girtin shyly stated, "I hope I can talk better in front of people because it's something I have problems with--obviously." Freshman Tommy Ellenwood added, "Our first speech, I messed up because my conclusion was, 'Well, that's it.'" *By Katie Schatz*

## Take-off Points

How many literature anthologies are there altogether in the school? 1,076

How many novels are in the school? 4,846

How many staff members are on the Lit Mag? 15



**Friendly Environment.** Juniors Dea Cordaro and Ashley Batts collaborate on a short story assignment for Mrs. Lisa Renard's creative writing class. They worked together often writing poetry, historical fiction, and essays. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*

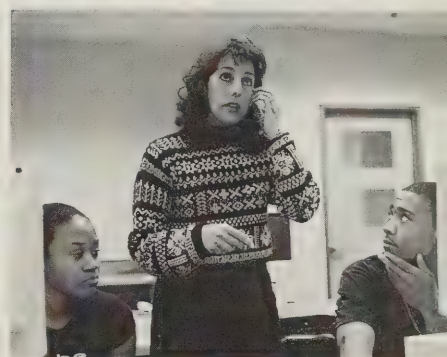
**Witches in English?** Junior Adam Phillips, who was accused of being a "witch" in Mr. Don Lilly's English class tries to pass a test in order to stay "alive." Mr. Lilly's juniors read *The Crucible* and re-enacted the witch trials. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*







**Proper communication.** Juniors Lauren Mooney and Pam Mawyer practice becoming more articulate in Mrs. Betty Krapfl's fifth period Oral Communications class. The class involved giving speeches and speaking impromptu to help students feel more comfortable and confident in front of their peers. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*



**Powerful point.** While Lacey Sellars looks on, Mrs. Sylvia Bustillos thinks before she speaks in response to Matt Crews's question about his power point presentation for English 10 CP. Both Sellars and Crews presented research they uncovered on undersea life. *Photo by Leigh Harris*



**The dog in dogmatic.** Junior Catherine Meadows teaches her weekly vocabulary word to Ms Anne McGee's honors English class. Each week students were given a new word to present to the class along with a drawing that students could remember the word by. *Photo by D. Siegmund*

**Their show's on the road.** While freshman Jason Mudd "digs in" to his vocabulary lesson on words related to beginnings, Darryl Sakach "starts the ball rolling" by getting some advice from Mrs. Betty Krapfl. *Photo by D. Siegmund*



# Rome to Reality

A small group of students stood in the front of Mr. Gary Gottschalk's eleventh-grade American history class, performing a skit on the treatment of women in the colonial period. Male students, of course, portrayed husbands, while female students portrayed their wives. The "husbands" emphasized the harsh treatment of women in that era by yelling and even raising their hands to strike their "wives" because they had failed to prepare dinner on time.

The role-playing added life to the classroom, as most students sat amused by the presentation. Junior Jessica Thompson, who was in Mr. Gottschalk's second-period American history class, said, "History can be an extremely boring subject, but Mr. Gottschalk helps me stay awake. He plans a lot of skits and group activities with friends. We have a lot of fun, and it makes learning history more interesting."

In October, freshman world history classes were busy learning about the ancient world. "I enjoy learning about ancient Greece and Rome. I think it is interesting learning about different gods and what they were god of. I liked Jupiter because he was god of the sky," said freshman Nicole Rowland, a student in Mr. Matt Shive's first-period class.

Mostly juniors made up Mrs. Joyce Steele's fourth-period sociology class. Students in the class enjoyed being able to express how they felt about issues in today's society. Junior Jeremy Tewari said, "I am glad I took sociology. I enjoy expressing how I feel, and discussing with people my age, the important issues that affect people everyday in our society, such as racism."

As the year progressed, students in history classes began to find connections between past and present. *By Elizabeth Kwiatkowski*

## Take-off Points

The name Colonial Forge comes from an eighteenth-century iron works which has become the school's campus. Augustine Washington, father of George Washington, was the owner.

**Number game.** In Mrs. Joyce Steele's class, students guess the number of beans in the jar. The game was used as an experiment to see individuals' decisions are affected by others in the group. Juniors Chris Wilson, Rob Rankin, and Jessica Hevel pay close attention to Mrs. Steele's analysis. *Photo by Becca Dudenheffer*



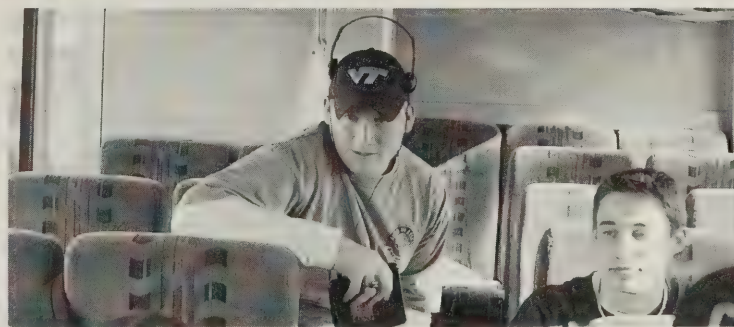
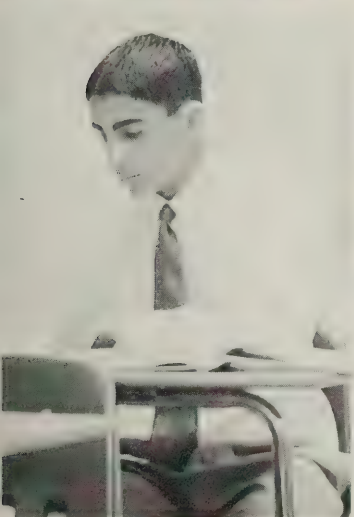




**Court is in session.** In Mr. Gary Gottschalk's second-period American history class, junior Chrissy Dodd, portraying a lawyer, questions junior Matt Flockhart about the unity of the nation. "Judge" Gottschalk and Dodd's decorated teammate, junior John Schaefer, listen closely. *Photo by Leigh Harris*



**In costume.** At the front of Mr. Craig Carlson's fourth-period class, freshman Bobby Neal portrays a Roman soldier while pointing to the Roman Empire on the map. Besides Rome, freshman world history classes studied Greece and Egypt. *Photo by Brittany Trant*



**Whole new world.** Sophomore Ashkon Bihamta flips through the pages of his world history book. Bihamta was completing a worksheet that required research from his textbook. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*

**Ear for history.** Junior Brian McNulty raises his earphones to talk to junior Mark Soloyna while on their way to D.C. Mr. Gary Gottschalk's American history classes took a field trip to the Smithsonian. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



**Natural mathematics.** Juniors Tony Levine and Katherine Harris work together on a lab for their Algebra III class. Ms. Victoria Helmer had her students calculate the height of the light pole by measuring its shadow and one angle. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



## Take-off Points

There were 9 math teachers: 6 were exclusively math teachers, while 3 taught other classes as well.

760 students were enrolled in 10 different math courses.

There were a total of 296 calculators in the Math Department: 240 TI-83s, 30 Casio CFX985s, and 26 TI-92s.



**The Pit and the Pendulum.** In Mr. Ken Yealy's seventh-period math analysis class, juniors Matt Robinson, Jeremy Mishler, and George Prince work together on a pendulum lab. Robinson kept the time, while Mishler and Prince operated the pendulum. Afterwards, they had to derive an equation for its motion from the data they had collected. *Photo by Nichole Jones*

**'Tis the season of math.** In Mrs. Bonnie Snyder's first-period geometry class, freshman Amy Brei'tbarth works on her "Geome-Tree" ornament for the Christmas tree. Students used beads to form designs, then melted them together with an iron. *Photo by D. Siegmund*





# Positive Solutions

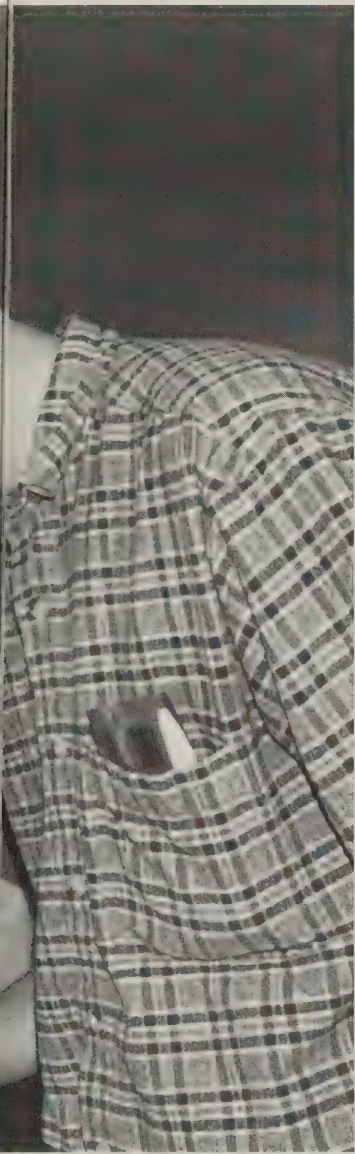
Students streamed into Room 204, grabbing their calculators while heading towards a seat. They quickly pulled out their notebooks and began copying the day's objective, as math teacher Mrs. Rebecca Fish walked in. "She does a good job explaining stuff. Algebra II is a really complicated and difficult class, and she makes it easier," said sophomore Gabe Compton.

Freshman Chris Shuford said, "I think it is very helpful to have a teacher that will go beyond their requirements and help students after school." Math teachers did just that. Junior Michelle Durbin said, "He's [Mr. Ken Yealy] nice, and he'll try to help you whenever he can." Yealy, who taught pre-calculus and Algebra II, offered tutoring through the NHS every Wednesday after school in Room 304.

Teachers weren't the only liked part of math; the subject itself was, too. Freshman Alex Smith, an advanced geometry student, said, "I love it; it's in my blood; I accept it with open arms." Freshman Chuck Fitzgerald also spoke in favor of math: "I think it is the most interesting subject."

Other than applauding teachers and math, students reminisced about funnier times in their classes. "My teacher can't draw with the best ability, so everyday her class brings some comic relief. Like once, she really confused us all because she was trying to draw a right angle, but in the end it looked like an obtuse angle instead," said Smith, recalling one of his teacher's efforts at drawing.

Some students, however, didn't realize the value of math and its many uses. Sophomore Jennifer Sauter was one who did see its value: "I use math everyday and sometimes don't even realize it. Although math can get boring, there are always many ways to make it fun. I guess it's how you look at it and how the teacher teaches it." *By Kelly Everett*



**Ready for take-off.** Freshman Jo Moore prepares to raise her hand to answer a question. Her Algebra I class was reviewing their homework. A skill they studied early in the class was how to write and solve equations. *Photo by Leigh Harris*

**Coordinating mathematics.** Mr. Deron Baker helps Algebra I students Sheria Cotton and Sean McGinness work on graphing exercises. Students also learned how to graph on computers and calculators. *Photo by D. Siegmund*





**A helping bond.** Junior Jeremy Mischler has his structure of an organic molecule reviewed by chemistry teacher, Mrs. Deidre Walker. Walker's class used the models to study bond angles and molecule shapes. *Photo by Becca Dudenhefer*

**Getting a closer look.** Sophomores Christy Heib and Ashley Turner try to get a closer look at the stages of mitosis in Mrs. Helen Torosian's biology class. Torosian's class used microscopes to study white fish scales and onion cells. *Photo by Nichole Jones*



**Fire in the hole.** Juniors Zack Traywick, Marshall Kindred, and sophomore Allan Paquette regulate the amount of oxygen flow in their bunsen burner. Mrs. Joanne Villers' chemistry class was measuring the hot and cold spots in the flame. *Photo by Becca Dudenhefer*







**Safety First.** Freshmen Seth Burdsal and Megan Dickinson use rock saws and grinders in their Earth Science class. They wore safety goggles and aprons to protect themselves from flying rock pieces. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*

**Pulling their own weight.** Juniors Mike McTighe, Brian Huddle, and Chester Rubbo work on a pulley lab in Mr. Ken Yealy's physics class. The class was studying mechanical advantage for making work easier. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*



### Take-off Points

Biology students usually did 3 dissections a year, including owl pellets, frogs, and fetal pigs.

Out of a total of 9 science teachers, 2 were chemistry teachers, 1 was a physics teacher, and 1 taught IPS.

Mr. Jim McCloud's earth science class was the only science class to take a field trip during the first semester. They went to the Moorefield Mines.

Only 20 students were enrolled in Mrs. Deidre Walker's IPS class.

## Labs & Life

Labs have always been an important part of earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, and integrated physical science classes. "I like labs because they're easy and fun," said freshman Cheyenne Yeagley in Mr. Frank Latino's earth science class. Labs allowed students to literally see what they had been learning about in class. Sophomore Rachael Downham said she particularly enjoyed Mrs. Helen Torosian's biology class when they "used different liquids to see which affected an egg. We also found cells in all of their phases."

Students not only took science because it was a required course, but they also took it because they wanted to pursue a science-related area in the future. Junior John Lawrence, from Mrs. Deidre Walker's IPS class, said, "I might save an endangered species one day. I'm writing a poem on the topic as we speak." Science had a strong effect because without it, no medical advances would be made. Sophomore Jennifer Marietta, also in Walker's chemistry class said, "I plan to choose a career in medicine, and I need a good foundation in science." *By Becca Dudenhefer*





**Fossilized artifacts.** Freshman Jadd Adams points out an embedded shell in a specimen to freshman Jen Stover. Being able to see and examine the fossils helped students understand the processes of the earth. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*



**Brain. It's what's for dinner.** Juniors Matt Flockhart, Lacey Fisher, and Akemi Parker dissect a sheep brain. As they examined it, Flockhart said, "It looks like a chicken thigh...I bet it tastes like one, too!" *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



**Smooth it over.** Freshman Megan Dickinson works with a rock saw and grinder in geology. After their trip to the Moorefield Mines, students polished stones they found, making them more attractive and ready to be made into jewelry. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*

**Feeding time.** Juniors Zack Traywick and Marshall Kindred observe jelly fish at the Virginia Science Museum during their marine science field trip. At the museum, they also had the chance to feed fish and pet sting rays. *Photo by Becca Dudenhefer.*





# Eels, Eyes, & Emeralds

"Mrs. Torosian! I need help checking the ph levels in this tank!" yelled junior Julie Ross. Every morning, marine science began with the normal routines of checking the fish tanks' salinities and ph levels. Students also had to defrost shrimp, scallops, and muscles to feed their fish. Marine science, along with human physiology and geology, were elective science classes. In these classes, students had the opportunity to focus on areas of science that interested them the most. Students also liked that these classes offered more hands-on activities, making them more interesting. Junior Lacey Fisher said her favorite memory of Mrs. Cindy Trant's human phys. class was "when we all had parts of a muscle contraction and had to act out the parts on front of the class." Mrs. Trant's class also did a lot of dissections. Sophomore Mike Hickman said, "I can't wait for the dissecting that we will be doing. We get to dissect a sheep's brain and [cow] eyeballs!"

Elective science classes also got to go on some interesting field trips. Mr. Jim McCloud's geology class took a trip to the Moorefield Mines to dig for rocks. There they found some valuable stones, which were later polished in class. Junior Alaina Hernandez said, "My favorite project was shaping the rocks. It was really funny when the rock exploded on me and Morgan Crandall!" The marine science class took a field trip to Virginia Beach to collect fish for their tanks.

The hands-on activities and field trips made the science elective classes even more enjoyable. Fisher summed up one of the activities in her class by saying, "It was the best."

*By Lindsey Evans*

## Take-off Points

In the marine biology lab, there were several tanks filled with a variety of different fish including:

17 seahorses, 8 goldfish, 2 croakers, 2 pin fish, 4 crabs, 1 pipefish, and a moray eel named, "Sammy."

**Set up shop.** Mrs. Helen Torosian and juniors Erin Millbaugh, Jen Bloomer, John Hall, and Mitch Nason help set up shelves for the fish tanks to sit on in the new tank room. The marine science class had to move from a regular science room to a room equipped to handle the tanks. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*



# Foreign Tongues

*Hola! Bonjour! Guten Tag! Salve!* These were the greetings in foreign language classes. Foreign languages were popular. Classes participated in activities such as group projects and dialogues. Junior Angelica Moss enjoyed such activities in her Spanish IV class. "I liked the projects we researched, which were about South American countries. I enjoyed learning about the beauty of the countries, their festivals, and their food."

Students also enjoyed French class. "The French culture and language is beautiful and so fun to learn about," said sophomore Sarah Bland. Students in Japanese and American Sign Language enjoyed small classes with a laid-back environment. Junior Kenneth Gary was enthusiastic about the many trips they had planned for their ASL class: "We're going on a field trip to a deaf college. There is field trip to Deaf Performing Arts as well."

Foreign language clubs also attracted students. Sophomore Kelly Goodin spoke highly of his club: "Spanish Club is a good place to meet new people and experience a new culture." Freshman Pablo Maldonado, also a member in the club, said, "I look forward to helping out Spanish people in the area." They planned to learn Spanish dances, adopt a child, and take trips to Spanish restaurants. French Club also appealed to students. President Michelle Landrum said, "The French Club is interesting because you meet different people and we have fun at our parties." One of their activities was to watch "The Little Mermaid" in French. Foreign language clubs learned about their language, its culture and helped the community while having fun.

*By Lindsey Evans*

**Mexican hat dance.** Wearing his fashionable sombrero, Señor David Murch helps sophomore Jessica Lamb with a written test. In other Spanish classes, students wore the sombrero on their birthdays. *Photo by Courtney Paskanik*

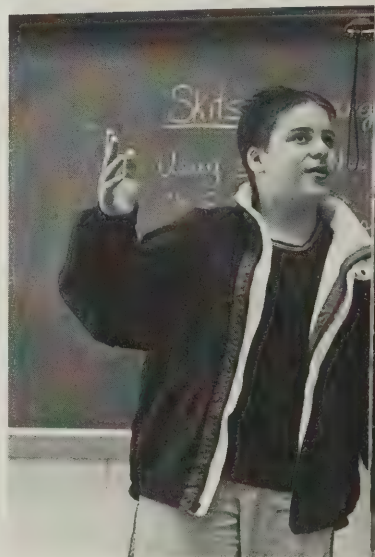
## Take-off Points

Which language do students think sounds the best?

14.3 % liked the hard, aggressive sounds of German

28.6% liked the rolling R's of Spanish

57.1% liked the soft, romantic sounds of French

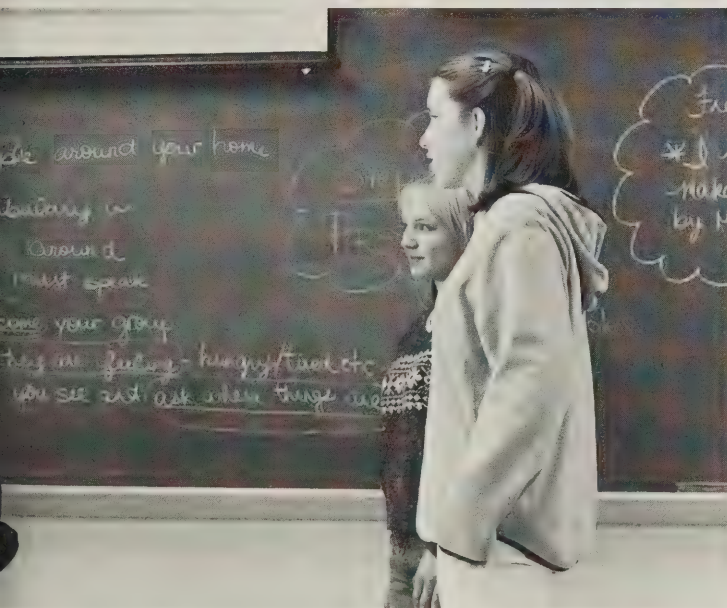






**Eww . . .** Sophomore Holly Whitfield and juniors Laura Trigger and Heather Benson try an appetizer in French III and IV. They were asked to try liver pate on french bread. "It's really not that bad," said Benson. The majority of class the disagreed with her. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

**Cha cha cha.** Spanish Club parties were a place to meet and mingle with people. Sophomore Kelly Goodin shares a laugh with president, freshman Stephanie Seger. "We just have so much fun!" said Seger about their parties. *Photo by Morgan Crandall*



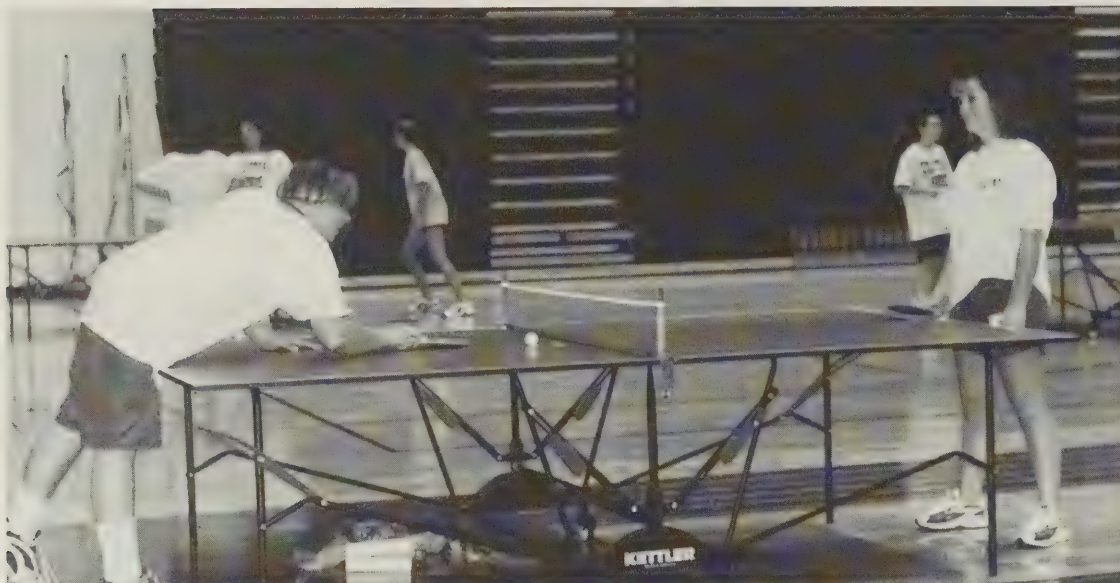
**Toga party!** Freshman Connie Soloyna had the opportunity to dress up in her Latin I class. Students had to stand in front of the class in costume and recite a story in Latin. *Photo by Jenna Hennebury*

**Cultural conversation.** Freshman Dustin Mullins begins a dialogue in front of his French III class. In their dialogues, students had to tell about their plans for the day. Such activities improved students' pronunciation and fluency. *Photo by Leigh Harris*



**Back and forth.** During a game of ping-pong, sophomore Nicole Brien waits patiently for her opponent, sophomore Stephen Mullins, to recover the ball. Students in P.E. classes played a variety of sports as they rotated to different stations in the gym. *Photo by Dawn Crismond*

**S-T-R-E-T-C-H-I-N-G.** Warming up at the beginning of her P.E. class, freshman Monicka Khasha stretches with the rest of her class. P.E. began with ten minutes of stretching every day. Stretching and warming up loosened muscles for running. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



# Brains & Brawn

"Everytime I do this elbow thing my arm hurts," cried out freshman Chris Corbin over the rest of his gym class as they did their daily stretches. After stretches, students streamed off to play sports like badminton, volleyball, and basketball. Students enjoyed the new equipment and facilities. Junior Adam Brownback said, "The new equipment makes our weight room the best in the county."

The P.E. program not only covered the physical stuff but also the mental stuff. Besides gym and weightlifting, the program included classes such as health, driver's education, and sports medicine. Junior Erin Millbaugh said she took sports medicine "so that if anyone ever gets hurt I can help them." The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, an athletic club did activities such as going on retreats and visiting nursing homes. Members of the club said that to join all a student needed was to be a Christian who wanted to meet and interact with others like themselves.

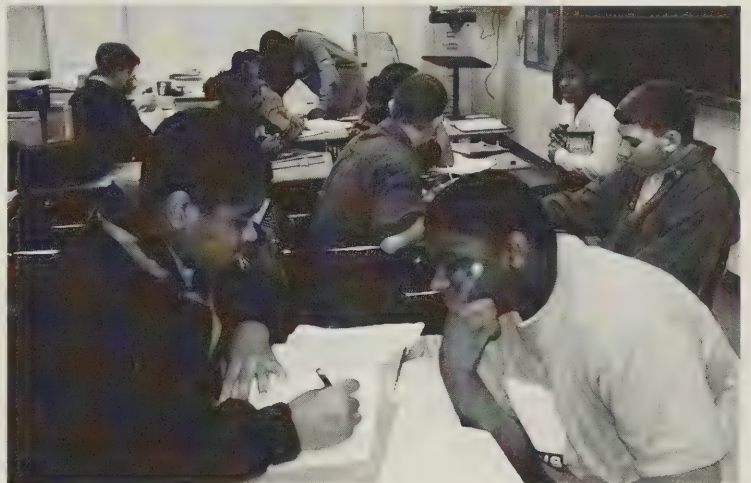
The P.E. Department offered a variety of classes for students who enjoyed physical activity. As for those who didn't want any part of gym, they only had to fulfill the required two years; then they were free to become lifetime bench warmers. *By Kelly Everett*

Take-off Points





**Look out, Baywatch!** Junior Lisa Yeagley practices her CPR techniques on a dummy. Sports medicine students brushed up on their lifesaving skills and learned what to do in an emergency situation. *Photo by Leigh Harris*



**Study session.** Freshmen work in pairs to study for a quiz in Coach Karl Buckwalter's health class. The health classes learned about fitness, safety, and how to take care of their bodies. *Photo by Maria Misseri*



**He shoots!** Freshman Pablo Maldonado practices his free throw during his freshmen P.E. class. Students enrolled in P.E. learned how to dribble, shoot lay-ups, and the rules of basketball. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

...exactly how many people the bleachers in the gym can hold? *It can hold 2368 people!*

...how many balls the P.E. Department had? *85!*

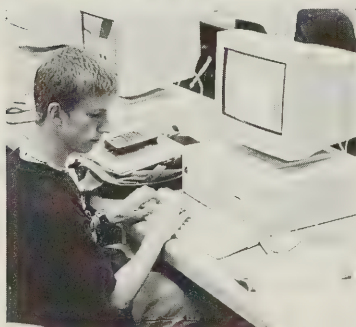
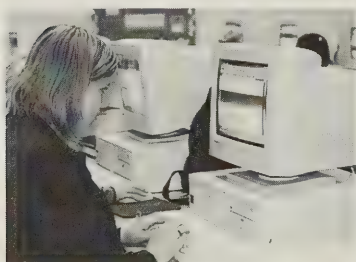
...how many lockers there are in the field house? *There are 108!*

...how many other people were enrolled in gym? *330 freshmen and 270 sophomores were enrolled in a gym class!*



**Right behind.** Ms. Kim Perkins helps junior Nathaniel Sudbeck to create a letter head in the advanced computer information systems class. *Photo by D. Siegmund*

**Make the grade.** Junior Brittany Bower learns how to type a job application. She hoped to be able to use this in the future when applying for a job. *Photo by Kevin Dodson*



**Systematic designer.** President of FBLA, junior Justin Hogan, concentrates on his programming in the advanced computer information systems class. For a project, he redesigned the school newsletter. *Photo by D. Siegmund*



# Let's Get Busy

"Yes! It will enhance your future plans," said business teacher, Mr. Fargo Wells. The Business Department offered opportunities for students to prepare for the work place and to work a part-time job. "This gives students the opportunity to do more things," said Wells. The stereotype that business classes only did bookwork and typed was wrong. They role played, had job interviews, and competed in contests. Each of their activities simulated working in an office, and was intended to help the students succeed in the future. Students could take classes on accounting, computer information systems, and principles of business and marketing.

The Business Department also sponsored the FBLA club. President of FBLA, Justin Hogan, had exciting plans for the year's activities, including a trip to New York. "We're going to Wallstreet and the Financial District to observe business actions," said Hogan. They also competed in a competition called "Mr. FBLA." The competition had FBLA members compete in the areas that they had been studying in their business classes. Vice president, Patrick Heck, said that he believed this club was a good way to prepare for a business career. "The best part of FBLA is knowing that we're the future business leaders. I am going to be the next Bill Gates!" said Heck. FBLA and business classes helped prepare students for a successful future in the business world. *By Lindsey Evans*



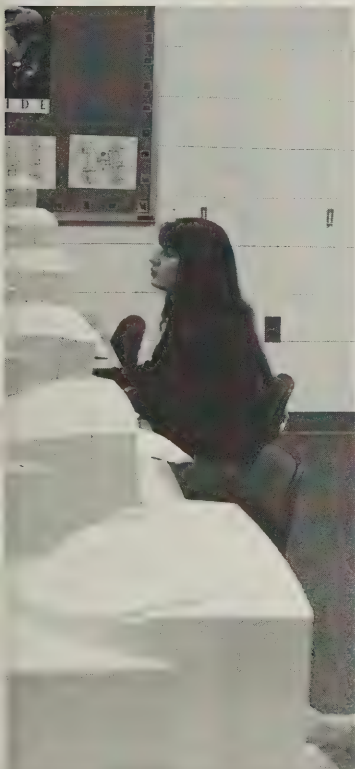


**Absorbing the knowledge.** Sophomore Ross Watson devotes his time to studying the format of a standard letter in his keyboarding applications class. *Photo by Linda Wesley*

## Take-off Points

just how many students are taking a business class? *58.28% of students in our school were enrolled in business classes.*

how many computers we have? *There were 540 computers at Colonial Forge, as compared to only 422 computers at Brooke Point.*

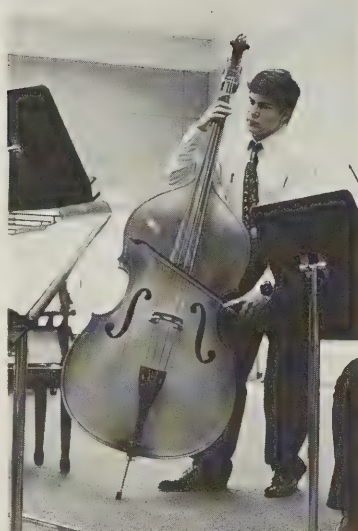


**Tremendous technology.** The school had so many computers that one was always available for a student to use. Junior Ivelize Vega works with Microsoft Publisher in Desktop Publishing. *Photo by D. Siegmund*

**And the officers.** At the FBLA induction, members were installed. Pres. Justin Hogan, v.p. Pat Heck, sec. Kirsten Staggs, and treas. Surima Whitfield were inducted on October 6. *Photo by Morgan Crandall*



**Big bass.** Junior Derek Mullins plays the bass for the orchestra and jazz band. Mullins also had the chance to attend Regional Orchestra and said, "It was really fun, but I can't wait to go to Festival and the Kennedy Center." *Photo by Leigh Harris*



**Blowing some hot air.** Junior Phil Delwiche has been playing trombone for six years. He really enjoyed band and said, "The class is really small, so it's a lot of fun! Plus, if we do what we're supposed to, it's easy to get a good grade." *Photo by Linda Wesley*



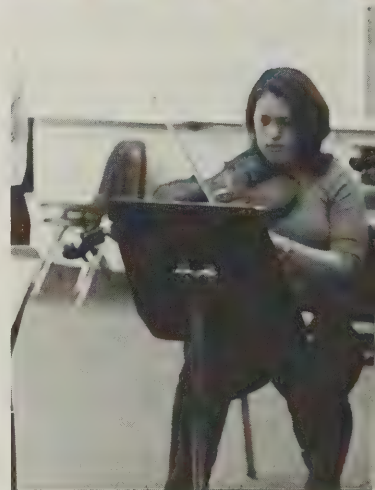
# In Tune

"Do, Re, Mi . . . !" These sounds, along with complete musical pieces, were heard coming from the music hall. Band, orchestra, and chorus were more than just normal classes. They allowed students to bond with peers that had similar interests while learning to harmonize and create beautiful music.

"We are like sisters brought together for a reason, and we blend like a single voice. I am amazed how good we sound," said sophomore Lauren Arroyo about her all-girl madrigals class. Select choir was formed for the more advanced students. Junior Kenneth Gary said, "I think it was a good idea to form a select choir because we get the chance to sing more challenging music that sounds better. Plus, Mrs. Perry is awesome!"

Junior Mike Gilles said, "The jazz band is the best musical group in this school. We have so much fun, and we're the best, in my opinion!" The jazz band performed at the NHS induction and during lunch shifts before Christmas. Junior Amanda Kempfer said, "My favorite memory of orchestra was when Mr. Marshall dressed up like Colonel Sanders for Halloween."

The music program allowed students to meet people with similar interests and learn to make music. Freshman Sean Hill, a member of the jazz band, said, "I really look forward to band everyday. All we do is just have fun playing music!" *By Lindsey Evans*



Take-off Points

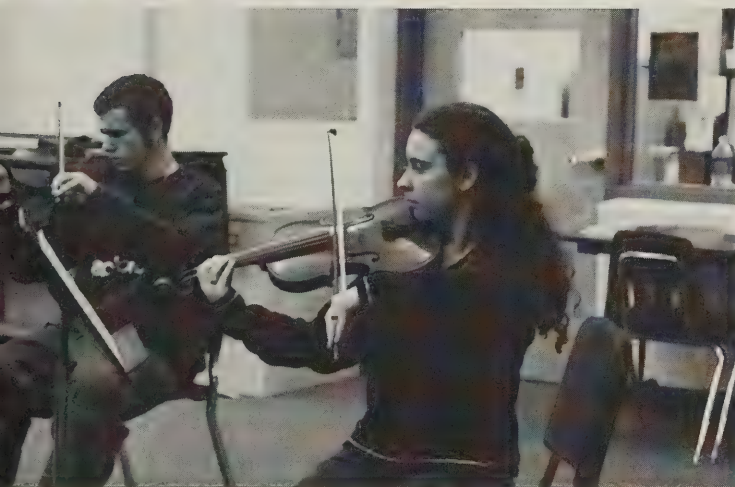




**Singing sensations.** Madrigals sang duets and solos for the Christmas play and were broadcast on the announcements. The ladies review a new piece of music that they will sing in a future concert. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*



**Little drummer girl.** Freshman Kristen Phillips sets the beat for the rest of her band class. Being a percussionist, Phillips had to pay close attention to the director to make sure she kept on time. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*



**Bows up.** Junior Laura Trigger, sophomore Danny Taylor, and junior Amanda Kempfer practice during class one day in January. The orchestra was a small group made up of only five people. *Photo by Leigh Harris*

**Big sound.** Sophomore Matt Neundorfer plays his trumpet during Mr. Andrew Loft's band class. The band was working on such pieces as *An Irish Rhapsody*. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*

Why do Performing Arts students believe they have more advantages at a new school?

They are establishing the future.....	50.1%
There are better music and more difficult pieces.....	24.9%
There are fewer people.....	16.7%
The talents from all the area high schools are combined....	8.3%





**Lookin' good.** Sophomore Scott Snider and freshman Matt Moody practice looking through an imaginary telescope at a girl across the way during their Drama I class. Drama I students practiced pantomiming activities in the fall and again during the second semester. *Photo by Becca Dudenhefer*

**Stand up act.** Sophomore Cheryl Watson delivers her monologue during her third period drama class. Imaginative exercises such as these, were the normal warm-ups for all drama classes. *Photo by Becca Dudenhefer*



**Lying down on the job.** Freshman Amber Bright and her partner "Steve" practice an improv scene in Drama. At the beginning of every class, students practiced their improvisational skills. *Photo by Becca Dudenhefer*







**Inanimate comedy.** Sophomore Rachael Downham and freshmen Sherry Sturgeon and Justin Mendez use scaffolding to create a comedy skit. In January, skits incorporated inanimate objects. *Photo by Becca Dudenhefer*

**Becoming Andre.** Sophomore Monica Cournett attempts to make freshman Nicole Rowland look like a seal. The technical drama class studied make-up application and costume design. *Photo by Becca Dudenhefer*



### Take-off Points

Two plays were put on this year.

Over 100 people attended the first performance of the winter play.

The auditorium is designed to hold 650 people.

The stage is 3 1/2 feet high and 39 feet from back to front.

# World's a Stage

Freshman Travis Benson's "Darles Chickens" dance got a lot of laughs from the other drama students during the winter play, but not everything was fun and games. The winter play, an adaption of Dickens' A Christmas Carol, brought in a large audience, but was a little chaotic for the cast and crew. Junior Jennifer Haas, a tech drama student, said, "The environment was hectic because things pretty much came together at the last minute."

It wasn't only the students participating in the play who had a lot to do. The drama classes had numerous assignments. Their activities ranged from performing for retired teachers to putting together scaffolding to applying stage make-up. Drama II student, junior Sean Conlon said, "The most common type of activity we do is a variation on a theme." This involved small groups getting together and coming up with a skit to present to the class. A lot of the activities were preparation for real performances. Junior Elspeth Ridout, who was one of the students who hoped to turn drama into a career, said, "I hope to run design and lights for theaters because it's fun." *By Katie Schatz*





**Sculpting the stem.** Sophomore Tequia Roberts works on her clay pot in her seventh period Art II class. Roberts was making a coil pot and decorated it with a rose design. *Photo by Chris Whittington*



**Give him a hand.** Junior Amanda Foley gets advice from Mr. Joe Pyanoe during her Art III class. Students said Pyanoe had a good sense of humor and never failed to help his students improve their work. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



## Take-off Points

How many students were enrolled in art?

143

How many students were in NAHS?

14

How much paint was ordered?

40 gallons

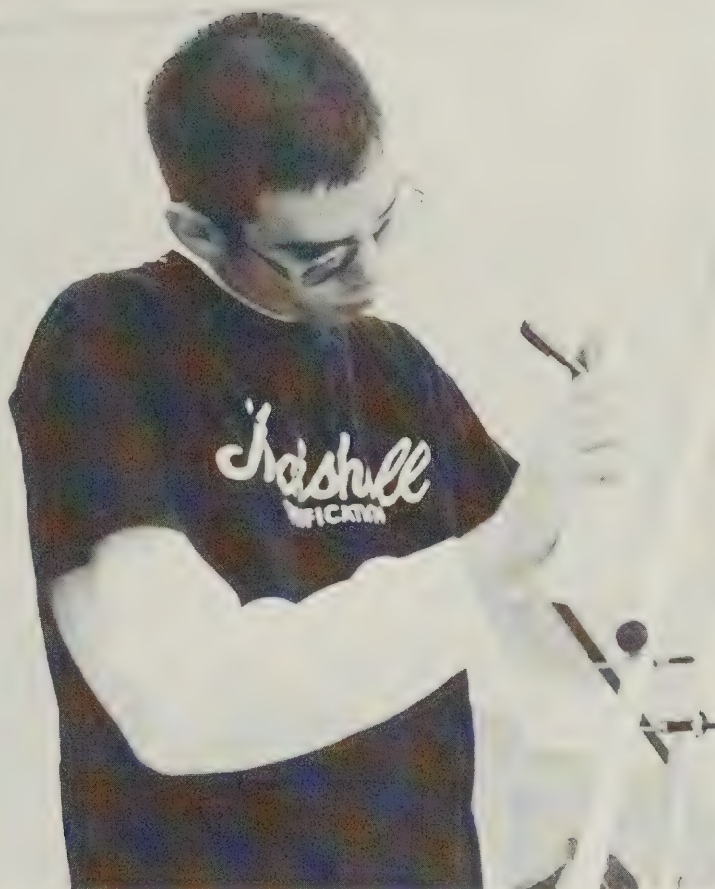
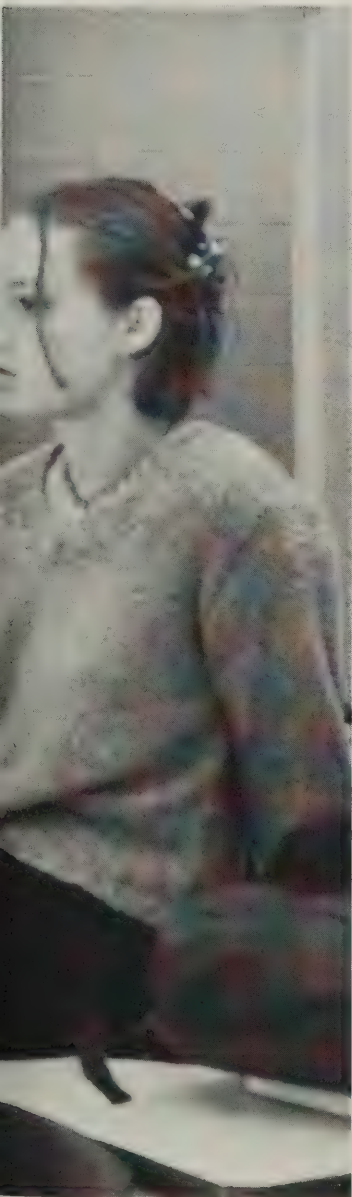
How many pounds of clay were ordered?

2500 pounds

**Planning makes perfect.** Juniors Amanda Foley, Nikki Neubert, and Cat Babbie discuss plans for the NAHS at their first meeting. Activities included fundraisers, the painting of murals throughout the school, and a possible trip to New York in the spring. *Photo by D. Siegmund*







**A combo of art & music.** While music plays in the room, junior Scott Virden works on his piece. His classmates were working on musical projects on the computer. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

**Star light, star bright.** Freshmen Jenny Glasgow and Melissa Giordano work on their spectrum project in Art I. The project showed students how many different tints of color there were. *Photo by D. Siegmund*



# Artistic Expression

Each day students from Mr. Joe Pyanoe's art classes got together and shared their ideas with the class. "In class other students and Mr. Pyanoe help me by suggesting ideas for projects," said freshman Suzanne Gallimore. She chose art because she wanted a class she could relax in and be herself. Other students chose to take art because they wanted to pursue it in the future. "I'm good at art, and I would like to have a future in it," said junior Chris Wilson. Art also allowed students to show their creativity and express their ideas. Sophomore Jennifer Sauter said, "I love to express myself artistically whenever I feel the urge. Art to me is a form of expression."

Students approved of Mr. Pyanoe's methods even though he was very demanding. For example, "If we are turning in a project, it can't have any wrinkles on it. I remember that for a whole week I would turn in my Andy Warhol project so that I would not bend it. Well, I went to go hand it in. I sneezed, hit it on his desk, and bent it," said junior Jennie Thomas. The grade was based on how the project was presented. Besides the paper having to be perfect, students got plenty of help in class. "Mr. Pyanoe walks around the room while we are working, and any time we need help he's right there," said sophomore Kjersti Trout. *By Maria Misseri*



**The cash flow.** Junior Tabitha Girtin reviews the ads that were bought for the upcoming issue of the *Aerie*. These ads helped the newspaper to raise money to produce the paper. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

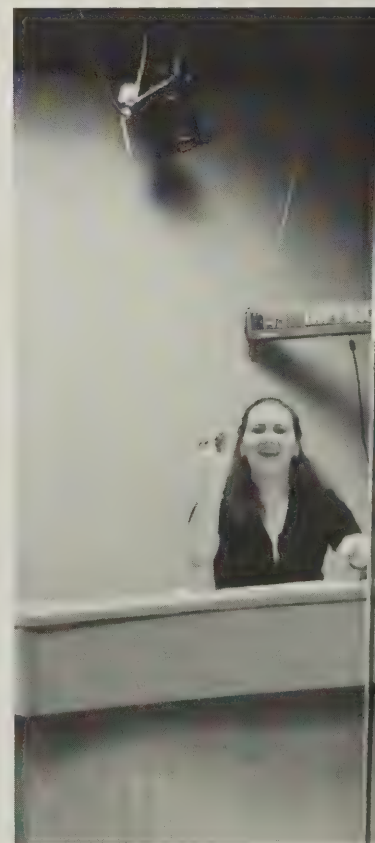


# Headlines & Deadlines

Deadlines, deadlines, deadlines! It was all about getting things done in yearbook, newspaper, and video productions. Cooperation was a necessary virtue. Everyone had to learn to get along in order to accomplish their goals. Junior Jeffrey Young, Student Life editor of the yearbook said, "During deadlines the whole staff had to work together in order to get through the stressful time." Sophomore Danielle Turner said that her video productions class worked together and accomplished tasks easily. Turner said, "We have a special system we use to produce our morning announcements successfully." Freshman Brei McTighe, a member of the newspaper staff, said, "It's like a family. We fight, we laugh, we cry, but in the end, we're all in it together."

Aside from all the stress of deadlines, the classes were also filled with fun. Junior Elspeth Ridout said her favorite memory of newspaper was, "staying after [school] drinking slurpees while laying out the paper." Sophomore Kevin Dodson, a member of the yearbook staff, said his favorite memory was, "talking while looking through old yearbooks and pictures."

Yearbook, newspaper, and video productions involved hard work and long hours, but they were also fun, filled with jokes and great memories. *By Lindsey Evans*





**What's the news?** Juniors Elspeth Ridout and Steven Van Amerongen use the light table to crop pictures for the *Aerie*. Ridout said she liked, "the spirit week spread because I got to take lots of pics." *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

**Picture perfect.** Mr. Larry Stone explains uses of a camera to sophomore Kevin Dodson. Juniors Jeffrey Young and Brittany Trant, and sophomore Ashley Reeves examine another camera. *Photo by Amber Romero*



## Take-off Points

Approximately 224 rolls of film were shot to produce quality pictures for the yearbook.

Video Productions had over half a million dollars worth of equipment in their studio.

The yearbook and newspaper staffs shared the same room that looked out into the main hallway.



**Lights...camera, action.** While junior Makius Carabai looks over his notes before airtime, freshman Erica Riegger emphasizes a point during video production's rehearsal of the morning announcements. Freshman Taryn Bryce focused on Riegger and Carabai during their broadcast. *Photo by Nichole Jones*

**Musical cropping.** Sophomores Michelle Fabie and Nikki Jones work on cropping pictures for the yearbook. Fabie said, "Nikki always made class enjoyable when she sang." The yearbook staff had to "crop" (mark the dimensions of) all of their pictures before they sent them to Gettysburg. *Photo by Leigh Harris*



**Light work.** Junior Elspeth Ridout adjusts the lights from the catwalk in the auditorium. Her independent study dealt with theater lighting. Ridout also aided with the lighting in the dramatic production of *Our Christmas Carol* in December. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

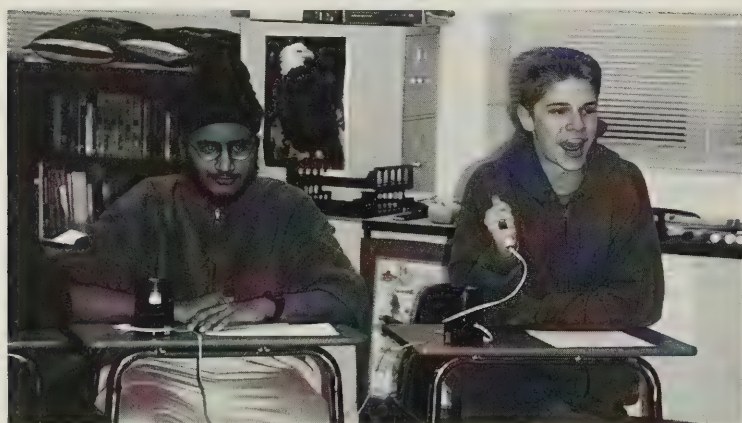
## Take-off Points

District Forensics Tournament

Jason Holder: 2nd place  
Domestic Extemporaneous  
Speaking

Tejdev Sandhu: 2nd place  
Foreign Extemporaneous  
Speaking

Rachael Downham: 3rd place  
Spelling



**Bzzzzzz.** Junior Jason Holder buzzes first to answer a question for the Academic Team, beating junior Tejdev Sandhu as well as his other teammates. The team was practicing for their upcoming match against Sherando. *Photo by Emily Mathusa*

**Glyph gazer.** Junior Katie Shatz practices her hieroglyphic techniques for her independent study. Schatz studied Ancient Egypt, concentrating on hieroglyphics. Her goal was to write her own interpretation of an Egyptian myth in hieroglyphics. *Photo by D. Siegmund*





# Multiple Choice

"Since we were a new school, they always needed more people to sign up," explained junior Tejdev Sandhu, captain of the Academic Team. The team had ten members and competed against district schools. This was one way students could pursue an interest in intellectual matters, other ways included public speaking and independent study.

"The object of forensics is to speak so eloquently that you draw the listener in," said sophomore CeCe Heib. "I chose to do poetry interpretations, and I think I did really well." Heib placed second in her area of competition. Students on the forensics team chose areas ranging from storytelling to spelling.

Students were also able to take an independent study. Mr. Greg Feducia, independent study sponsor, said that an IS student should be "a highly motivated, self-disciplined student who is able to organize time wisely." Topics ranged from jazz to Egyptian hieroglyphics. Junior Katie Schatz chose to do an independent study because she "wanted to be able to work for myself on something [she] really enjoyed."

The Academic Team, forensics, and independent study allowed students to gain more knowledge in a setting they enjoyed. *By Nichole Jones*



**Scout comes alive.** Practicing for the school forensics competition, freshman Cat Robison reads over a selection from Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird. Robison won first place in humorous interpretation. For the district meet she added variety to her presentation by reading from James Thurber. *Photo by Andrea Borella*

**Standing tall.** Freshman Ryan Chandler reads from Ralph Waldo Emerson's essays for his forensics performance in prose interpretation. Competition areas ranged from poetry interpretation to spelling. *Photo by Andrea Borella*



# College Bound

Want to do college work in high school? Most students would respond with an emphatic, "No way!" High school was a time to prepare for college, not go there. But for the small number of governor's school students, the lines between high school and college sometimes seemed blurred. Still, they knew that a heavy dose of what to expect in college was the best to get ready for it.

One taste of college was the homework. Some found the workload hard to handle, although it became easier as the year progressed. "You just had to adjust to something you hated; it can be pretty painful," explained sophomore Thomas Starkweather. Others found that block scheduling eased the load of work. Most classes met for ninety minutes two or three times a week, just like in college. This gave students a chance to "cool off." "I love block scheduling. It gives me more time to get homework done, and there are not as many classes in one day," said junior Derek Mullins.

Another feature of colleges and universities was a professor on television. In CGS, too, students were often joined by students from other schools in Stafford as well as Spotsylvania for lectures via television. This gave everyone a chance to interact with peers from classrooms in various schools all over the area. Most found the television a little difficult at first. "It was hard to get used to because it is truly necessary to pay attention at all times, plus you feel pretty stupid if a teacher from another school yells at you," said sophomore Brendan Fitzgerald.

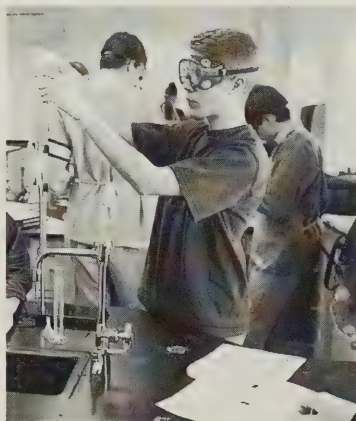
Students found the CGS to be beneficial. They enjoyed the block scheduling and field trips that the program offered. They also felt that the program was preparing them well for what to expect in college. *By Elizabeth Kwiatkowski*



## Take-off Points

Each class was connected weekly to the two other sites via three televisions, the largest having a sixty inch screen.

Colonial Forge was the third and newest site of the Commonwealth Governor's School.

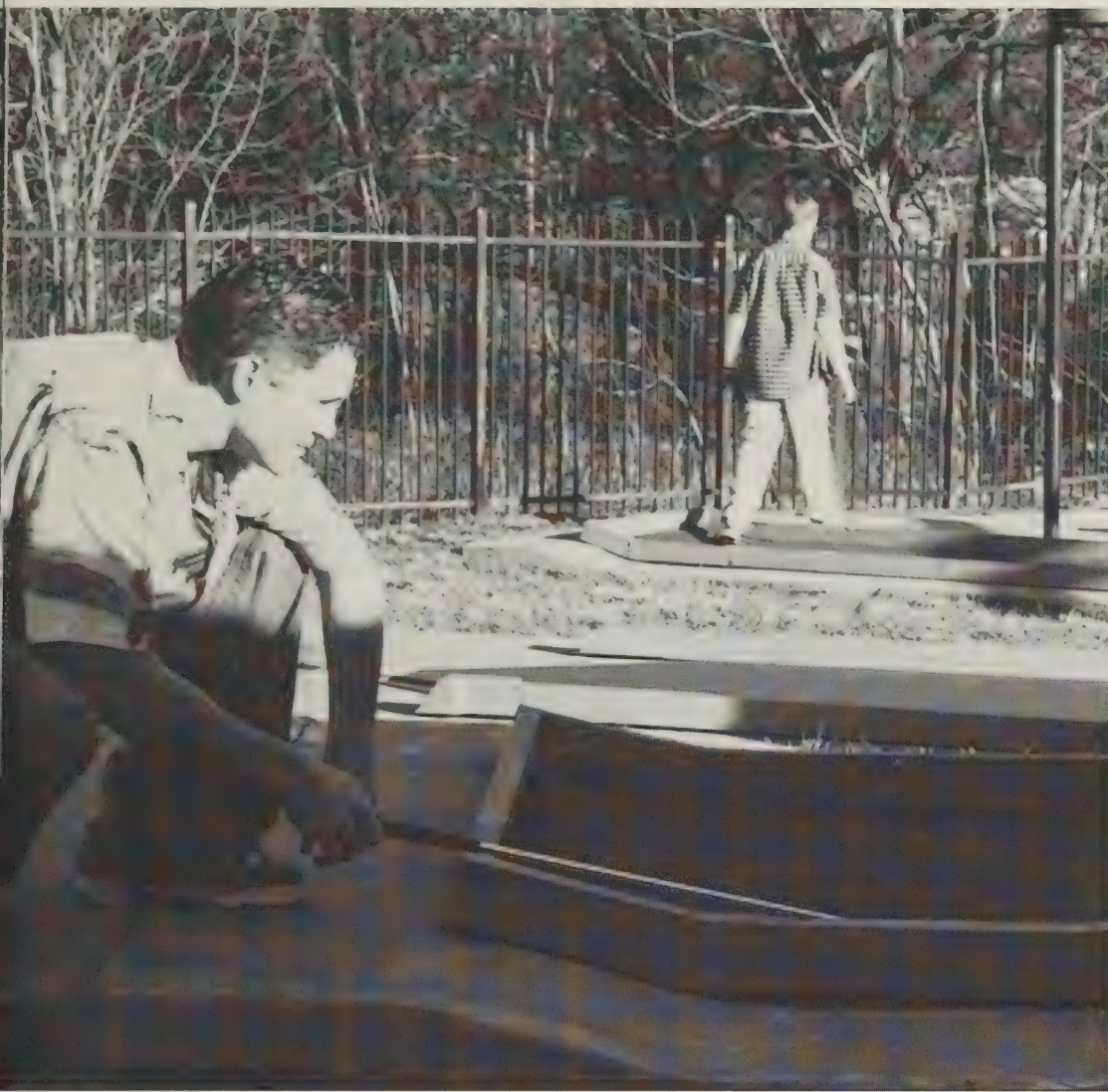


**Plugged into chemistry.** During a lab in Mrs. Gail Clark's class, junior Jason Holder drops hydrochloric acid into the gas-collection tube. *Photo by D. Siegmund*

**Three's company.** Dressed as a cave man, Mr. Jim McCloud preps freshmen Colin Whitmore, Stephanie Seger, and Colleen O'Hagan for their cave expedition. *Photo by Leigh Harris*





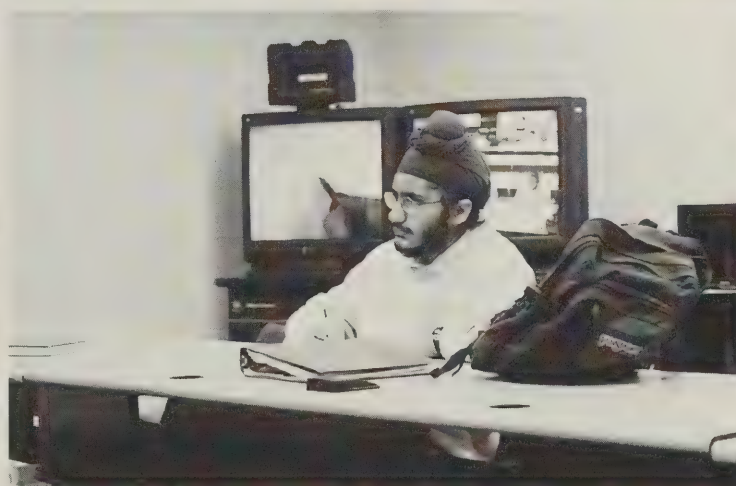


**Lining up the hole.** On a class field trip to Putt-Putt Golf, sophomore Danny Kistner lines up his golf ball with the hole, applying geometry skills as well as athletic ones. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*

**All caved out.** Freshman John Roman is exhausted at the end of his Life and Physical Science I class's cave trip to Grand Caverns and Fountain Cave. Students analyzed soil samples, studied phosphorescence given off by minerals, and on and on. *Photo courtesy Mr. Jim McCloud.*



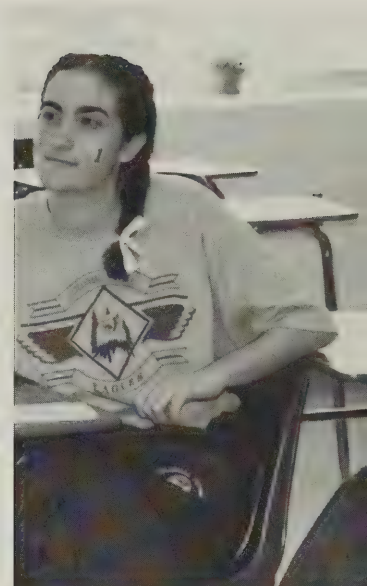
**Fore!** On a geometry field trip, sophomore Thomas Starkweather shoots for a hole in one during a game of putt-putt. Starkweather's class took a trip to Putt-Putt Golf & Games in Spotsylvania. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*



**Not the typical talk show.** Junior AP calculus student Tejdev Sandhu copies notes on solving differential equations. The lecture, given by Mrs. Brenda Mann at Stafford Senior High School, was presented to students through big screen televisions. A smaller version of Mann's methods was also shown at the back of the class. *Photo by D. Siegmund*



**Captain Planet.** On a Friday afternoon, junior John Beltran and sophomore Michelle Landrum empty a teacher's recycling bin. Learn and Serve students collected the bins every Friday during seventh period. They had to look through the recycling to make sure no trash had been included. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



## Take-off Points

	Hours of Service
National Honor Society .....	338
Interact .....	860
Learn & Serve .....	560

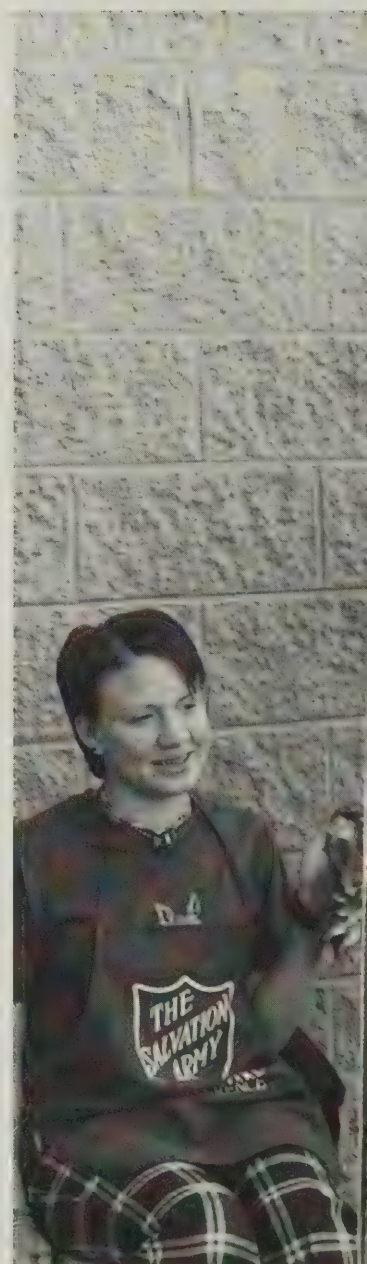
# Breaking the Mold

Through the decades, teenagers have been stereotyped as people who only care about themselves and the material things in life. This idea was blown apart as students in four organizations proved they cared about others. Members of National Honor Society, Students Serving Stafford, Interact, and Learn & Serve worked for the common goal of improving our community.

Junior Mitch Nason was not only vice-president of the NHS, he was also the first member of SSS. Nason said, "It makes me feel good to be able to help others and see them smile." That was the reason common to other members as well. Junior Margaret Adair, a member of Learn & Serve, spent her Tuesdays and Thursdays tutoring second graders in reading and math. Adair "enjoyed volunteering and helping out in [her] community."

The organizations hosted food drives and fundraisers as projects. Junior Garrison Rule, a member of NHS, said, "To me, the most important project was when we adopted a family for Christmas. All the members brought in gifts and food for a less fortunate family to make their holidays brighter." Some activities involved the entire school. Freshman Kristen Phillips, a member of Interact, said, "My favorite [activity] was when we did a coin drive for victims of Hurricane Floyd."

Members of NHS, SSS, Interact, and Learn & Serve, through a variety of projects, proved that teenagers can and do care about things other than themselves. Though they did give selflessly to others, they didn't leave empty handed; each received the gift of joy that comes from helping others. *By Kelly Everett*







**A new chapter.** Juniors Heather Benson, Mike Gillies, and Michelle Durbin listen as candidates give speeches at the first meeting. The NHS elected officers on September 16. *Photo by Morgan Crandall*

**Students of service.** At the NHS induction on December 10, speakers and officers listen to junior Joanne Gold. Gold was talking about service, one of the four qualities needed for membership. *Photo by D. Siegmund*



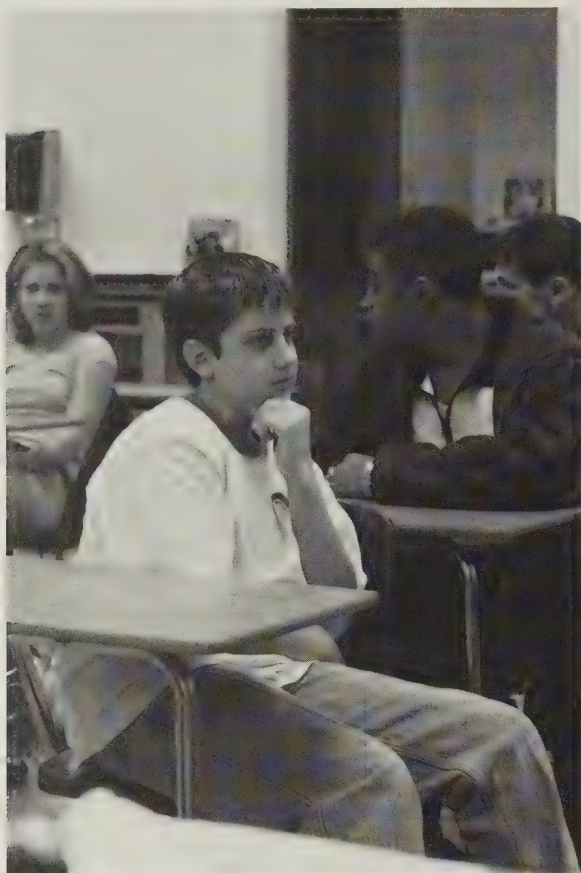
**Season to be jolly.** During the holiday season, juniors Ashleigh Vamosi and Tara Marsiniak collect money for the Salvation Army. As Interact members, they were required to do ten hours of community service per semester. *Photo by Leigh Harris*

**Y2K.** Junior Wilson Heflin gets help from Mr. Craig Carlson during his Learn and Serve class. Heflin was working on his Y2K newspaper scrapbook that included Virginia news from 100 years ago up to the 2000 Potomac News. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



**Fountain's foundation.** Junior Mimi Couns reads the directions to helpers as they construct the props for the Newcoming dance. The SCA chose the decorations and planned the times and food served. *Photo by D. Siegmund*

**The Thinker.** Freshman Glenn Dye listens as fellow council members discuss ideas for uniting the school and promoting spirit. The meeting's topics included the talent show, pep rallies, and Mr. Colonial Forge. *Photo by D. Siegmund*



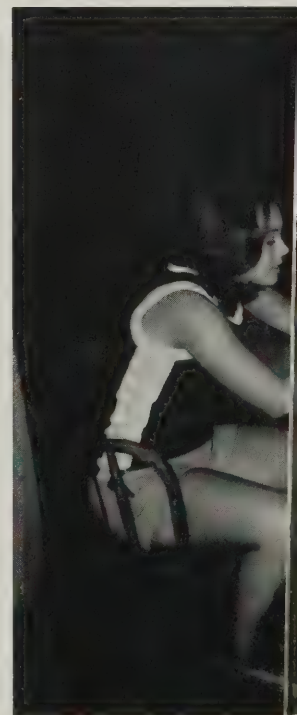
## 'Time & Dedication'

Open House, the first dance, Newcoming, holiday adoptions were all events organized by the the first Student Leadership Council. The SCA included students from each of the eight schools that composed the school. The group started planning in August at the Graves Mountain Lodge Leadership Retreat.

One of the SCA's biggest projects was Newcoming. Junior Mimi Couns said, "The SCA sponsored, raised money, and organized Newcoming this year." The SCA's biggest challenge was funding the dance. As freshman Glenn Dye said, "We had to raise all the money for Newcoming." They did so by selling candy and lanyards. During Spirit Week, the SCA also conducted mini pep rallies during each of the lunch shifts.

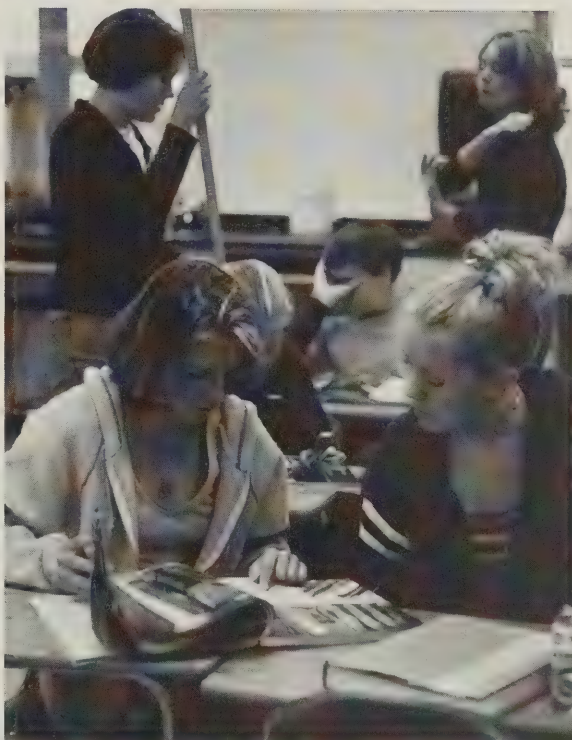
The SCA took on community-oriented projects as well. During the holidays, with the help of NHS, they adopted a needy family of seven. The SCA brought in toys, clothing, and food for the family. The SCA was busy throughout the year, trying to plan activities for the student body. As Couns said, "That took a lot of dedication and time."

*By Brittany Trant*





**Reflections of theme.** Juniors Heather Benson and Pat Heck suggest themes for homecoming to their sponsor, Mrs. Helen Torosian. Some suggested themes were romantic places around the world and a fairy land fantasy. *Photo by Ashley Reeves*



## The First... Leadership Council

"It was difficult  
because we had to  
start from nothing."

-Freshman Glenn  
Dye  
on being the first  
members of the  
Student Leadership  
Council and trying  
to plan activities.

**Rise and shine.** Juniors Mimi Couns and Lindsey Evans search through a spirit magazine during a morning meeting in Mrs. Helen Torosian's room. The meetings were held from 7-7:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*

**Bored games.** Sophomores Ashley Reeves and Amber Romero play rummy during a break at the leadership retreat. The retreat was held in Surry, VA., at Graves Mountain Lodge and was attended by students from NSHS as well. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*



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## New Boundaries

“Well, if you’re the type of person who likes living in a big city, then you probably won’t like Stafford,” said freshman Sheila Shomo. Despite living in a small town, an additional high school had to be built to remedy the three overcrowded high schools. Boundary lines were redrawn, combining students from Route 17, Courthouse Road, and Mountain View Road. Transfer students caused the boundaries to reach from Aquia Harbour to Fredericksburg.

The school system wasn’t the only thing with new boundaries. One lane roads grew into subdivisions like Seven Lakes. Development turned wooded areas into



Wawas and Food Lions. Sophomore Adella Summers said, “New housing developments, schools, and commercial businesses have put Stafford on the map but haven’t changed the friendly atmosphere.”

*By Brittany Trant*

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**Peaceful swim.** Ducks peacefully swim one autumn afternoon at Curtis Lake off Poplar Road. Development had yet to expand its boundaries to the ducks’ haven. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*

**Coming soon.** Development was rapidly expanding along Route 17. A new Wawa gas station and Falmouth Post Office were under construction in the late fall. *Photo by Kelly Burcham*



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**Check it out.** Mandy Sprague keeps on checking out customers at the Food Lion on Rte. 17 even after school has opened. When she wasn't behind a cash register, she was constantly on the move, returning groceries to shelves, stacking bags, taking carts back to the store entrance. *Photo by D. Siegmund*

**First order of business.** As part of the Thursday night routine at the Hartwood fire station, freshman Bobby Hensel checks the pressure in the oxygen tanks in the cab of one of the fire trucks. Later, he and other student volunteers watched a film as part of their training in fire safety. *Photo by D. Siegmund*







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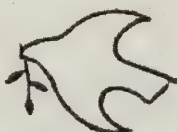
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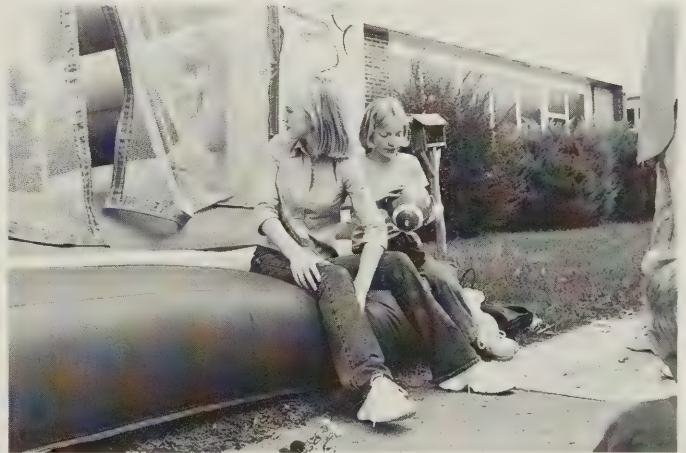
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**Volunteer.** Freshman Megan Dickinson explains equipment stored in a fire truck to a Hartwood student at the fall festival. Through their involvement, Megan's family sparked her interest in fire fighting over two years ago. *Photo by D. Siegmund*



**Moon for rent.** Freshman Laura Brockman checks on children having fun in the Moon Bounce at the Hartwood Fall Festival on October 16, while her sister, Lindsy, checks out her new football. Laura helped her mother take tokens, so excited grade schoolers could enter an inflated room and bounce around, vaguely like astronauts on the moon. *Photo by D. Siegmund*





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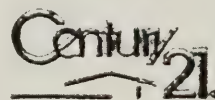
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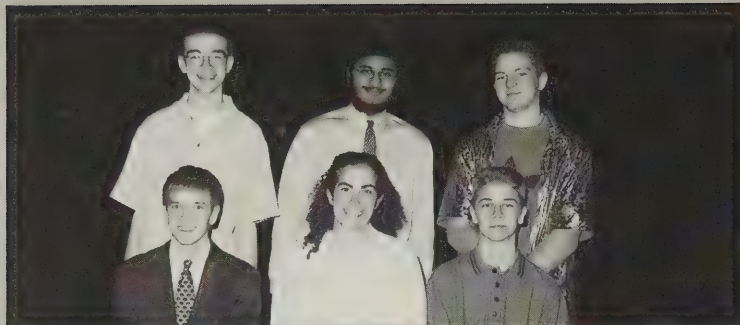
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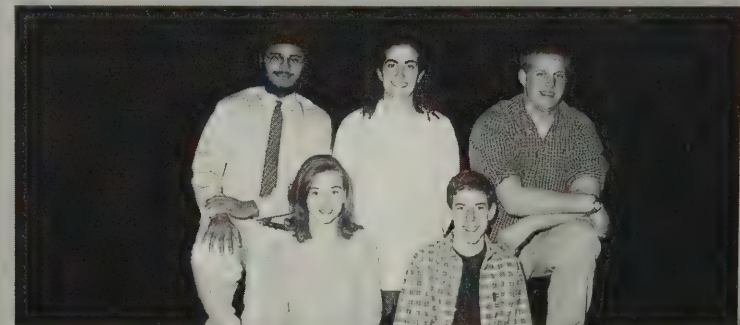
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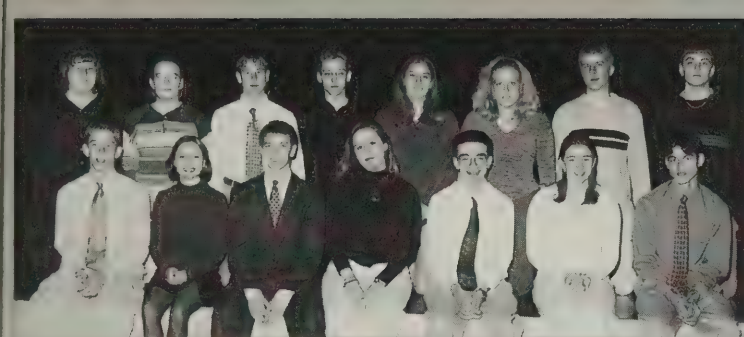
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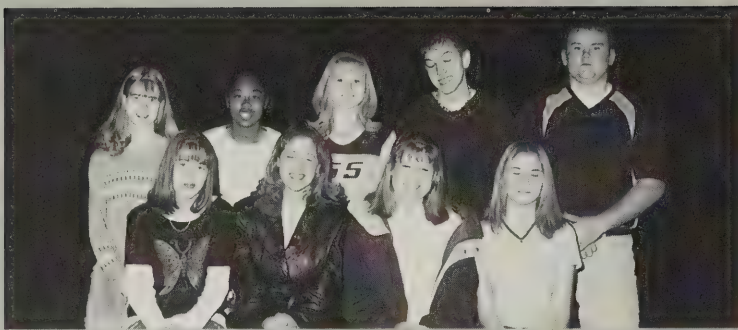
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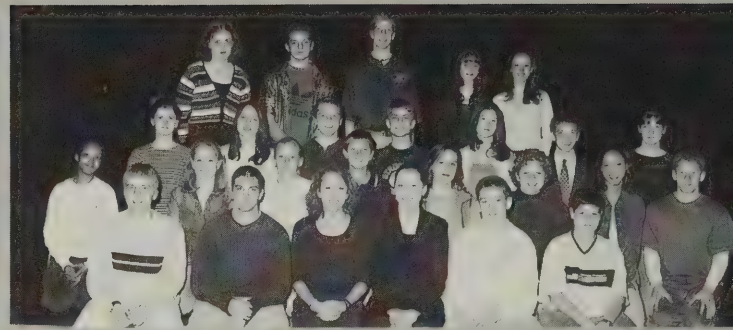
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**3rd Row:** Jessica Bair, Jack Zawora, Thomas Bloomer, Ronnie Bittinger, William Holtzman, Will Morgan  
**Back:** Scott Virden, Chad Polliard, Beth Zinger, Annie Martz, Matt Brethauer





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**3rd Row:** Misty Burton, Sarah Bland, Jack Zawora, Jadd Adams, Emily Mathusa, Patrick Heck, Michelle Fabie  
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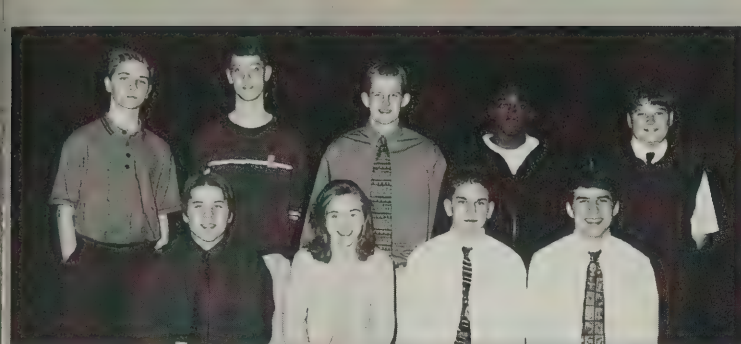
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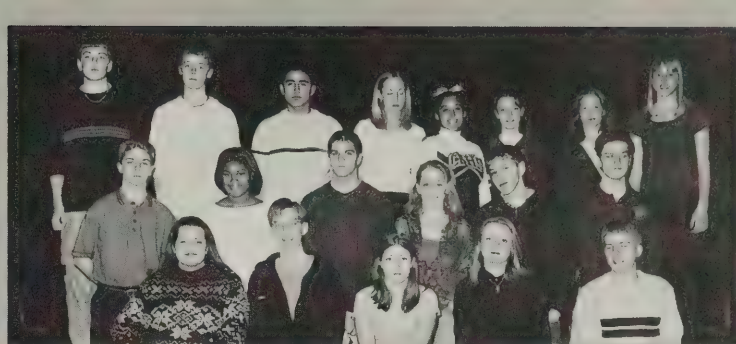
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### Latin Club

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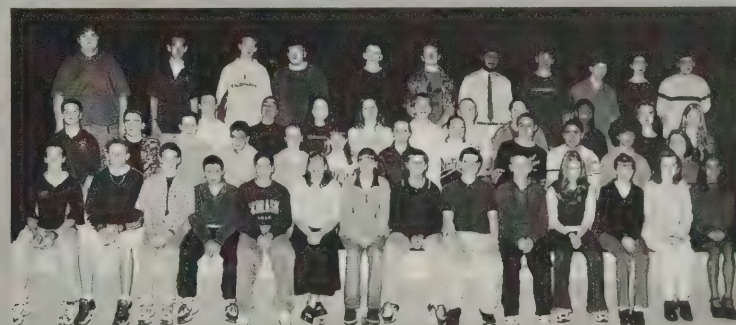
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### Math League

Mrs. Sibby Young's and Mr. David Hind's math classes





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### Symphonic Winds

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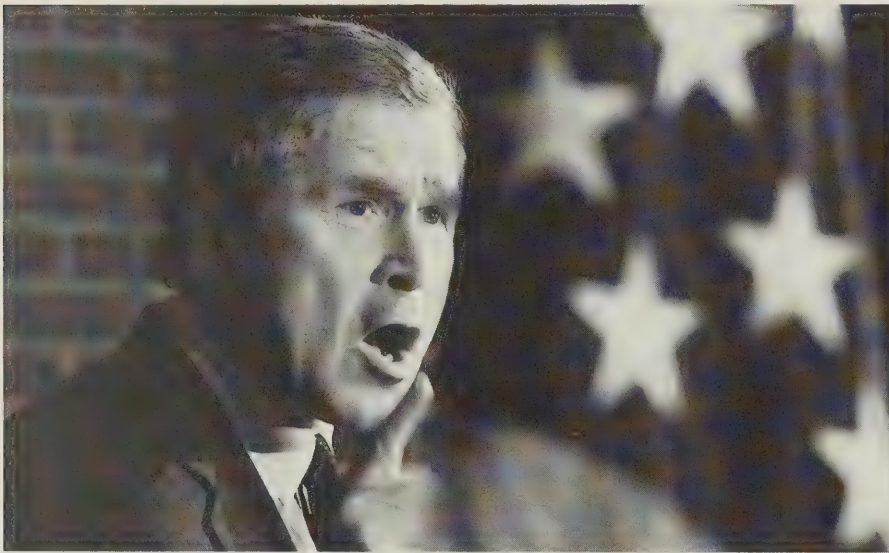


# A WORLD

Fireworks explode at the Washington Monument on Saturday, January 1, 2000, during America's Millennium Gala celebration in D.C.  
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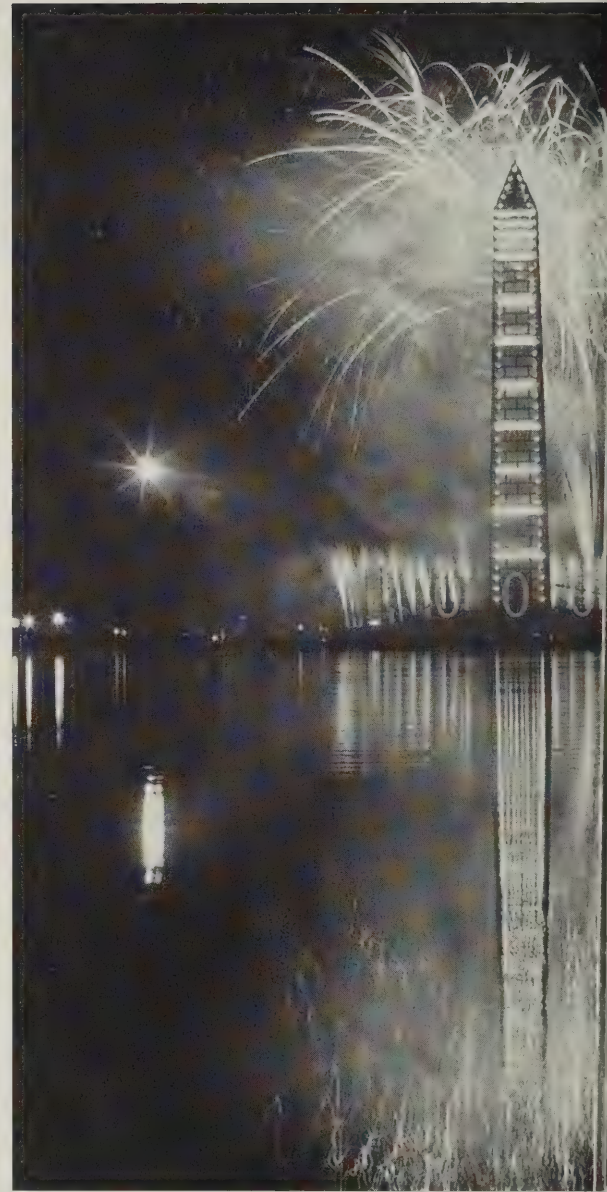
Six-year-old Elian Gonzalez celebrates with his friends and family in Miami. A controversy surrounded Gonzalez about whether or not he should return to Cuba.  
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Republican presidential candidate Texas Governor George W. Bush speaks at a rally in Clinton Township, Michigan, on February 20. Bush went on to secure the Republican nomination on Super Tuesday, March 7.  
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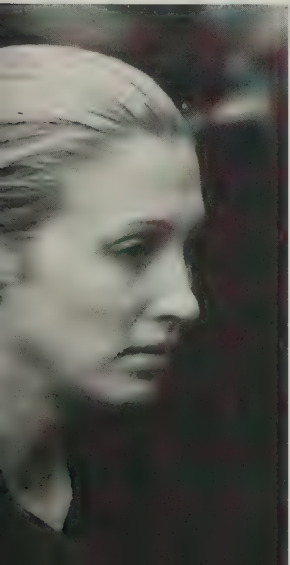
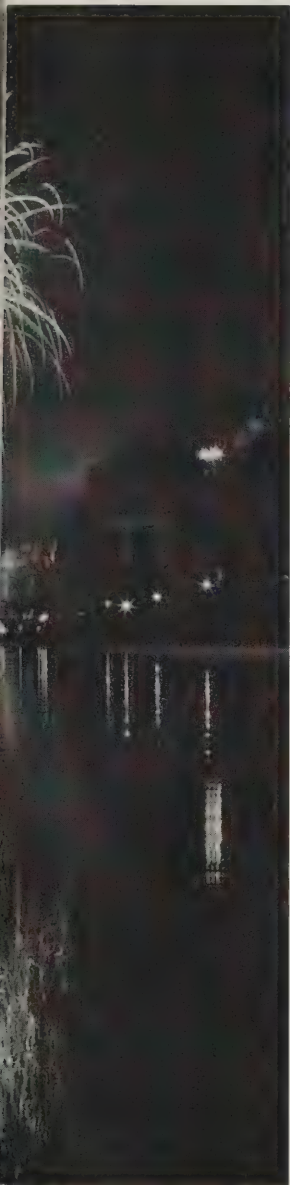


The solar eclipse is seen between the minarets of the historical Blue Mosque in Istanbul, Turkey, on August 11. It was the last solar eclipse of the millennium, which swept across Europe towards the Bay of Bengal.  
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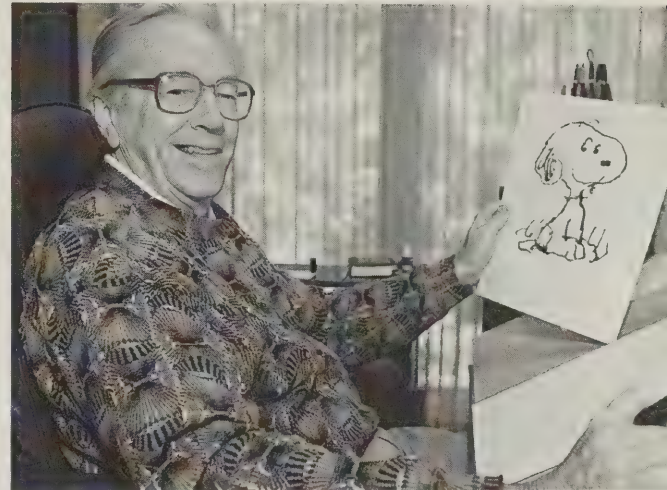




# OF NEWS



A man and a boy sit on their front porch surrounded by water and a submerged car in their front yard in Lodi, NJ, on September 17. Lodi was one of the towns hit by Hurricane Floyd. *Associated Press*



Cartoonist Charles Schulz displays a sketch of his beloved character "Snoopy" at his office in 1997. Schulz died at his home in Santa Rosa, CA, on February 12, a day before his last cartoon ran. *Associated Press*



Texas A&M students and rescue workers gather at the base of the collapsed bonfire stack as the search for victims continues on November 18. The stack's center pole apparently snapped, and the stack collapsed killing five students and injuring more than 25. *Associated Press*.

John Kennedy, Jr. and his wife, Carolyn Bissette-Kennedy, were killed in a plane crash in July. Bissette's sister was also aboard the plane that crashed in the Atlantic. *Associated Press*

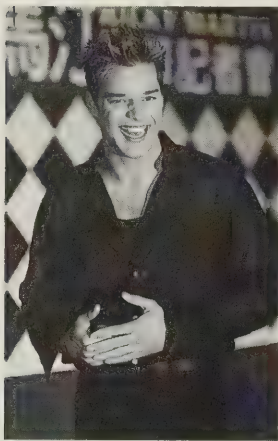


# THAT'S ENTE

The Dixie Chicks perform on August 14, at Lilith Fair. The music festival featured only female performers.

*Associated Press*

Hispanic singer, Ricky Martin promotes his latest CD entitled "Ricky Martin" in Taipei on August 26. Martin and other performers sparked the Latin craze in the U.S. *Associated Press*



U.S. goal keeper Briana Scurry blocks a shootout kick by China's Ying Liu during overtime of the Women's World Cup Final on July 10. The U.S. won the shootout 5-4. *Associated Press*

Calista Flockhart accepts the award for favorite female television performer for her role in "Ally McBeal." The People's Choice awards were held on January 9 in Pasadena. *Associated Press*





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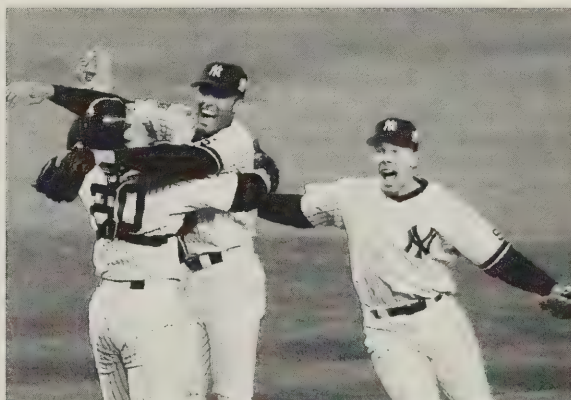
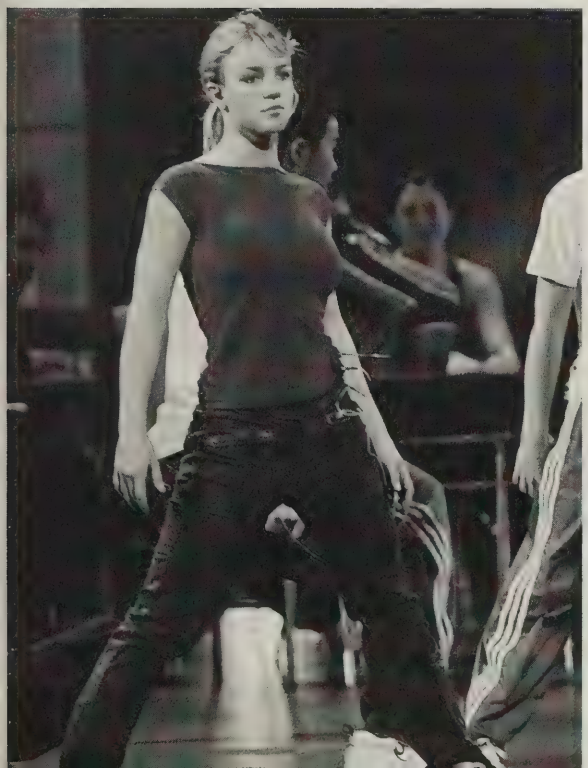


Florida State receiver Peter Warrick outruns Virginia Tech free safety Nick Sorenson on his way to a 64-yard touchdown reception during the first quarter. FSU defeated VA Tech in the Sugar Bowl on January 4. *Associated Press*

Denzel Washington reacts after winning the award for best performance by an actor in a motion picture drama at the 57th Golden Globe Awards on January 23. Washington won for his role in "The Hurricane." *Associated Press*



Christina Aguilera poses with her Grammy for best new artist at the 42nd Grammy Awards in L.A. on February 23. *Associated Press*



Singer Britney Spears rehearses for the MTV Video Music Awards at New York's Lincoln Center on September 8. The awards were held on September 9. *Associated Press*

New York Yankees rush the mound after the Yankees beat the Atlanta Braves 4-1 in Game 4 to sweep the World Series on October 27. *Associated Press*



# WE

1999-2000 was a year of firsts. We formed the first classes when we entered Stafford County's fourth high school on September 7. We flew through Hurricane Floyd, which closed schools for the first time on September 16, but it proved to be nothing more than a big wind and an overrated rain. We



encountered the great Y2K bug, which turned out to be as harmless as a butterfly. We carried our floats for the first time during halftime at the Newcoming game.

Our wrestlers won the Colonial Forge-North Stafford trophy by defeating our arch rivals 35 to 29 in their first meeting. Our school's architecture led to its selection as the best new school in Virginia.

We were the young teams and first class. We were the ones who created traditions, set the standard, and explored new boundaries. We were the

## *First* FLIGHT

By Brittany Trant

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**Clash of the classes.** Members of the sophomore class scream during the Newcoming pep rally. The sophomores were competing against the freshmen and juniors for the Spirit Stick. The juniors won the contest for cheering the loudest. *Photo by Michelle Fabie*

**Digging out . . . again.** Freshman Bo Trant shovels his sidewalk, for the second time in a week, after the ice storm of January 30. The county, hit by two snow storms in five days, had to cancel exams because students had missed 6 days of school (including their exam dates). *Photo by Brittany Trant*





# DARED



**Schoolhouse rock.** Junior Sean Conlon shares his song criticizing President Andrew Jackson in Mr. Gary Gottschalk's AP History class. Instead of taking notes on his homework questions, Conlon composed his own song. *Photo by Nichole Jones*

**Super fly.** Junior Akemi Parker sets a new record and claims first place in the 100-fly at the Commonwealth District meet on February 5. Parker went on to claim two first-place finishes in regionals and a second- and third-place finish at state. *Photo courtesy of the Free Lance-Star*





# YEARBOOK

## Apollo 2000



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**Nikki:** Chante's got a man at home. Hey look who it is!...It's Bathroom Boy! It's coming unglued. **Linda:** Bathroom Boy!...“Did you wash your hands?” What comes after 5? Awww...it's Lovely Linda! 2Tone! “Yell at me, Kelly...Just do something...please.” **Courtney:** Spirit drugs! “One time they did my hair, and when I looked in the mirror, I just started crying.” I'm setting her up. This has to be the Xerox machine. Animal crackers! **Kelly B.:** Guys, he wrote me a note! Xerox machine and animal crackers. Go home. We need an introductory clause. Courtney, come take notes for me. Just leave, Michelle, you're uninvited! You GUYS! **Michelle:** A matter of months...well minutes...actually seconds. Putting on makeup in the hallway. Our introductory clause...“On a blustery January afternoon...” Kelly, the Paparazzi! **Becca:** You know what I'd hate to be? What just happened on the roof? Oh sports equipment! What would Brian Boitano do if he was here today? Quick, let's make a fountain! **Leigh:** Squeeze as many words as you can into as little time as possible. Checking out all the bathrooms. Pictures in the hallways. What to do in case of fire. Animal crackers and lemon tea. **Katie:** If I was a chicken, I would hate to be eaten...fried, grilled, sauteed. I would hate to be a bathtub. I love Brandon Lee! Thank Bob. **Kelly E.:** What do you mean I missed another deadline? Magic tricks! Where's the cropper thingy? Dandruff! **Maria:** Tsi...tsi...tsi... That will work. This layout must be changed. **Lindsey:** I don't know!...that's all I can say. We be clubbin. Sorry, I can't hear you yet! Sloppy! Structure??? **Ashley D.:** What's that smell!!!!... is that a... car-freshener? **Amber:** Shhh, be quiet Ash! Mayonnaise Adam? We're gonna miss our Shredder, Scott! La PuPuPu Court. “I love you Stork!” **Adam:** At least the basketball players started tradition with the Pete Nool double drop step and the famous Ken McCabe hook-shot. Eggs, spinach, artichoke, perogi, hotcakes, custard. **Jeffrey:** I'd just like to say it's been really great, boys, and we must reflect upon the Pete Nool double drop step and Ken McCabe hook-shot of the past and look forward to the country fried ham, hot dog, oatmeal, strudel, mustard custard. Brittany looks like celery with peanut butter without the peanut butter. **Brittany:** Lauren, I saw you looking at them, don't deny it! Hey, Bubby-Thanks. I do not look like celery, duck-boy! Wrestling is a manly sport. See Jeff, that's why you're not in charge. Are you going to help me out here? **Lauren:** No, Brittany, I wasn't looking at them--you looked at them first! Stop being mean to me. Where on earth is Ashley? Brittany, calm down. How come all of our pictures have to be on defense? **Joanne:** McNutty, I love you! Lauren, HELP! Adam, Matt is acting up again... **Kevin:** No, Mr. Siegmund, I do not have your basketball pictures. Year of the dragon. Jennifer Lopez had a tight dress at the Grammys. **Emily:** Hey Morgy! No, it's vanilla lace! Hello Kitty...yum yum...Kobe! Have my pictures come back yet? **Morgan:** Hey, Memalo, got any Amber Romance? If I cross my eyes, maybe I'll be able to see my pictures straight. Furby Princess. Mmm Lunch. **Chris:** Ladies, those fragrances are driving me wild. **Ashley R.:** Adam, you got drinks, Jeff, you got snacks--To my loverboy Jeffrey--Spaz Joanne spaz--McNutty Forever! Ber, stop, I can doooo it! Welcome to the Big Show.

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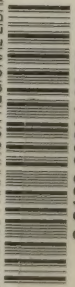


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